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Dayschools' HSC triumph

AVIVA BARD

ALL four Jewish high schools acquitted themselves with distinction in the 2003 Higher School Certificate (HSC), with Moriah College the best-performing non-selective school in the state and ninth overall out of the 700 schools in New South Wales.

Masada College placed 20th overall, Yeshiva Ladies College 33rd and Emanuel School 50th.

The first eight schools in the state were selective (headed by James Ruse, North Sydney Girls and North Sydney Boys), the calculation based on the number of Distinguished Achievers (students who scored 90-plus in a subject) divided by the number of exams sat).

A total of 62.5 per cent of Moriah's HSC students and 56 per cent of Masada's HSC students achieved a UAI (Universities Admission Index) of 90 or over.

Two Jewish students achieved the highest possible UAI, 100 - Sydney Grammar dux Daniel Selikowitz and Moriah dux and vice-captain Tamara Phillips.

Topping the state in German Extension, Daniel studied 14 units (the minimum requirement is 10), including 4-Unit English, 3-Unit French, 3-Unit German, Mathematics and Biology.

Planning to study Advanced Arts or Arts/Law at the University of Sydney, he said his result came as "quite a surprise. I knew I'd have a good chance of 99.95, but not for one second did I expect this."

Tamara achieved 50/50 for 4-Unit English, 99 per cent for Modern Hebrew and 49/50 for 3-Unit English.

Speaking to the *Australian Jewish News* before leaving for Israel on Academy this week, she said her mark was unexpected. "I knew I had a good assessment, which was a confidence boost, but I never expected this," she said. "I thought it wasn't possible, I didn't believe it."

Uncertain as to what career she will pursue, she said Arts/Law at the University of NSW is a possibility.

Jordana Glanz of Moriah achieved



Two Jewish students achieved a UAI of 100 - Daniel Selikowitz of Sydney Grammar and Tamara Phillips of Moriah College (front). Behind them are Amanda Belz (left), who achieved 99.9, and Jordana Glanz, 99.95.

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a UAI of 99.95, while students to achieve 99.9 included Amanda Belz (Moriah), Cranbrook dux Alex Owen and Yeshiva Ladies College dux Mimi Gutnick, the latter one of 11 students in the state to top two subjects - Classical Hebrew Continuers and Classi-

cal Hebrew Extension - despite the turmoil which has surrounded the Yeshiva for the past six months.

Dana Levi was dux of Emanuel with a UAI of 99.45, while Michal Alhadeff was dux of Masada with 99.4.

Apart from Mimi Gutnick and

Daniel Selikowitz, the other Jewish student to top the state in a subject was Moriah Year 11 student Sarah Lux in Modern Hebrew Continuers.

Making the All-Rounders list - 90 per cent or over in at least 10 units of study - were: Tamara Phillips (Moriah) 100; Daniel Selikowitz (Grammar) 100; Jordana Glanz (Moriah) 99.95; Amanda Belz (Moriah) 99.9; Mimi Gutnick (Yeshiva) 99.9; Alex Owen (Cranbrook) 99.9; Daniel Weiner (North Sydney Boys) 99.85; Adam Haber (Moriah) 99.8; Tami Sokol (Moriah) 99.7; Joel Barrett (Moriah) 99.7; Luke Cohen (Moriah) 99.65;

Jeremy Epstein (Killara High) 99.45; Michal Alhadeff (Masada) 99.4; Jessica Green (Barker) 99.25; Dane Stern (Moriah) 99.25; Laura Gotlieb (Moriah) 99.2; Keith Friedlander (Reddam) 99.2;

Nathan Samuels (Moriah) 99.1; Jeremy Nagel (Moriah) 98.95; Joshua Milston (Moriah) 98.85; Michael Goltsman (Moriah) 98.85; Ian Yamey (Masada) 98.75; Max Taylor (Masada) 98.75; Chemda Klein (Yeshiva) 98.6; Daniel Solomon (Moriah) 98.45; Ben Tassie (Moriah) 98; David Symonds (Reddam) 97.85; Daniel Goldstein (Killara) 96.70.

Students to score over 99 included: Jordana Glanz (Moriah) 99.95; Amanda Belz (Moriah) 99.9; Mimi Gutnick (Yeshiva) 99.9; Alex Owen (Cranbrook) 99.9; Daniel Weiner (North Sydney Boys High) 99.85; Maksim Kletski (Sydney Boys High) 99.85; Adam Haber (Moriah) 99.8; Tami Sokol (Moriah) 99.7; Joel Barrett (Moriah) 99.7;

Luke Cohen (Moriah) 99.65; Dana Levi (Emanuel) 99.45; Jeremy Epstein (Killara) 99.45; Michal Alhadeff (Masada) 99.4; Adam Samuel (Rose Bay Secondary College) 99.4; Eszter Kalman (Emanuel) 99.35; Rebecca Gallo (Masada) 99.3; Jessica Green (Barker) 99.25; Nicole Cohen (PLC) 99.25; Marc Sandler (Masada) 99.25; Dane Stern (Moriah) 99.25; Keith Friedlander (Reddam dux) 99.2; Laura Gotlieb (Moriah) 99.2;

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EXHAUSTED and overworked, Santa Claus is considering converting to Judaism to lessen his workload and decrease his stress, according to a report from TheKish.com out of Miami beach, Florida.

According to the report, Claus' first inkling that Judaism was his new intended path was when he was unloading a particularly heavy bag of gifts and muttered "Oy Oy Oy!" instead of "Ho Ho Ho!"

He interpreted this as divine inspiration and began some serious reflection on the matter.

Claus sat down at his desk in the North Pole and itemised the benefits of bringing toys to Jewish children.

The most obvious was that there were far fewer children to service — approximately three million Jewish children, as opposed to 500 million Christian children.

The next obvious benefit was that he had eight days of Chanukah in which to deliver all the gifts, instead of jamming the entire shipment into the one night of Christmas Eve, which required the already weary Claus to travel at the speed of light to accomplish the task.

At the time of going to press, Claus had not converted.



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JIMMY BARNES AT THE GREAT

It was *My Yiddishe Mama* as it had never been sung before. Rock icon Jimmy Barnes was the star attraction when 1200 people attended the Great Synagogue's Chanukah fair. The Australian Theatre for Young People, Rabbi Edward Beller, Daniel Sioman, Bob Teicher and Koppel Cohen also performed.

Photo: Henry Benjamin

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More photos

FROM THE EDITOR

IT'S been a relentless year on the Jewish news front — escalating perceptibly as the end of the calendar year approached.

Three issues dominated the Sydney Jewish community in 2003 — the fate and future of the Yeshiva; Hanan Ashrawi and her wretched prize; and the alarming upsurge in antisemitism, not only domestically, but globally.

The Yeshiva has never been far from the headlines, invariably relating to a financial crisis.

Its plight came to a head in July when Rabbi Feldman's brother-in-law, Joseph Gutnick, sought to recover funds which he had loaned the Yeshiva by taking the matter to court.

The rest is history — the court awarded him \$16 million, he sold Yeshiva properties to recoup some of it, a liquidator was appointed and finally, last week, the Yeshiva was saved and it and the Feldmans parted company.

The fact that it is to apply to join the JCA augurs well for the reborn college. Ashrawi. Despite what some insist, it was a disaster.

The focus became — and remains — the apparently inordinate power of an entity known as "the Jewish lobby", not whether a shrewd politician was a worthy recipient of an unheard-of peace prize. Hopefully, we all learned from it.

And the other major, enduring, issue. It is a sad day when the Chief

Rabbi of France — France, not a Middle Eastern country — advises youth to wear baseball caps and not kippot, so as not to risk being attacked.

It is vital at such times — at all times — to build alliances beyond the community. It is essential to be vigilant.

But it is also imperative to be selective and prudent in choosing which battles to fight — and, equally importantly, which to avoid.

There will be no edition of the *Australian Jewish News* next week. The next edition will be on January 9, 2004.

We wish all our readers a peaceful and enjoyable holiday break.

VIC ALHADEFF

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A brush, comb and mirror set from Revlon

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SOAPBOX

I challenge anyone to meet Emanuel students and not be impressed by their enormous Jewish sense of self, or Yiddishkeit. They embrace the true Jewish identity which fosters warmth, generosity of spirit and tolerance of a world rich in diversity.

SARA LANDA-WRUBLEWSKI
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STEPHEN FRY



Stephen Fry, director of *Bright Young Things*, is larger than life.

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Mossad's key role in tracing Saddam

VIC ALHADEFF

ISRAEL'S Mossad spy agency played a key role in the vital behind-the-scenes work which tracked down the Iraqi dictator, leading to his eventual capture by US forces.

This was disclosed in Sydney's *Daily Telegraph* on Saturday in an extensive report by London-based Gordon Thomas - author of *Gideon's Spies: Mossad's Secret Warriors* - and New York-based Philip Coorey.

According to the report, the Mossad traced Saddam Hussein's second wife, Samira Shahbader to Lebanon and eavesdropped on several telephone conversations between her and Saddam, who was in hiding in Iraq - thereby confirming to US forces that he had not fled the country.

"The calls were affectionate. It was clear there was a close relationship between them," a Mossad source in Tel Aviv said last week after Saddam had been apprehended.

The Mossad listened in to several calls between the pair, but each time Saddam was at a different telephone number and at a different location - which the spy agency was able to pinpoint.

The exchange became more loaded when it became clear that Shahbader was demanding money from Saddam - presumably in return for not disclosing his whereabouts.

When Shahbader first met Saddam, she was already married to an Iraqi Air Force pilot, while the dictator was also married and had two sons, Uday and Qusay.

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Saddam had the pilot arrested, and informed him that he would be released if he divorced Shahbader; he agreed and was appointed head of Iraqi Airways. Shahbader and Saddam married and had a son, Ali, although he married twice more and had numerous mistresses.

Several months before the war

started, Saddam arranged for Shahbader and their son, Ali, to leave Baghdad, with \$5 million in cash and a trunk of gold bars from the Central Bank of Iraq.

She told friends that she was going to France and then to Russia, where President Vladimir Putin had allegedly offered her sanctuary; instead, she headed to Beirut, where a villa was made available to her - which was where the Mossad discovered her.

The Mossad dispatched a team of agents to keep close watch on her, with the assistance of Israeli Air Force surveillance aircraft - and they traced her calls to her husband, who was moving from hiding place to hiding place.

On December 11, Shahbader telephoned Saddam - whose older sons had by now been killed by US

forces in a shootout - from an internet cafe outside Beirut.

The Mossad overheard her arrange to meet him near the Syrian border - at which point the Israeli agency notified Washington.

As Shahbader was about to leave Beirut to meet Saddam, she received another call, cancelling the meeting. The call was not placed by Saddam - who may have already taken refuge in his subterranean hole near Tikrit.

The US forces were alert to his whereabouts, and, with 600 troops surrounding the farm where he was hiding, the rest is history.

A report from *Sydney Morning Herald* correspondent Paul McGeough in Baghdad this week said that Kurdish forces had also assisted in tracking Saddam to his lair.

Holocaust denier Scully resumes her activities

ALLON LEE

HOLOCAUST denier Olga Scully has begun distributing anti-Israel and Jewish conspiracy material again.

In September 2002, the Federal Court found that the Tasmanian-based former schoolteacher had



Olga Scully

breached the Federal Racial Discrimination Act by handing out leaflets and selling literature which claimed that the Holocaust was a fabrication, the Talmud encourages paedophilia, Jews masterminded the Port Arthur massacre, Communism was a Jewish plot and pornography was under Jewish control.

The court ordered her to cease publishing or distributing the material.

Federal Court Justice Peter Hely ruled that Ukrainian-born Scully's actions were likely to "offend, insult, humiliate and intimidate Jews" and rejected her argument that she had never targeted Jews as a group or that her actions were for genuine academic purposes. Scully's present distribution of material is via emails sent to people in the law, media and politics.

"Most of the latest material has been fanatically anti-Israel and about Jewish conspiracies," Executive Council of Australian Jewry president Jeremy Jones said.

The ECAJ is reviewing the material and deciding its response, he added.

Pellets fired at Yeshiva students

ALLON LEE

A GROUP of Yeshiva College rabbinical students was fired at with a BB air-gun in Allawah, South Sydney, last week.

According to Southern Sydney Synagogue Rabbi Yossi Feldman, pellets were fired through a window of the unit in which the students are living on Sunday evening, December 14. No-one was injured.

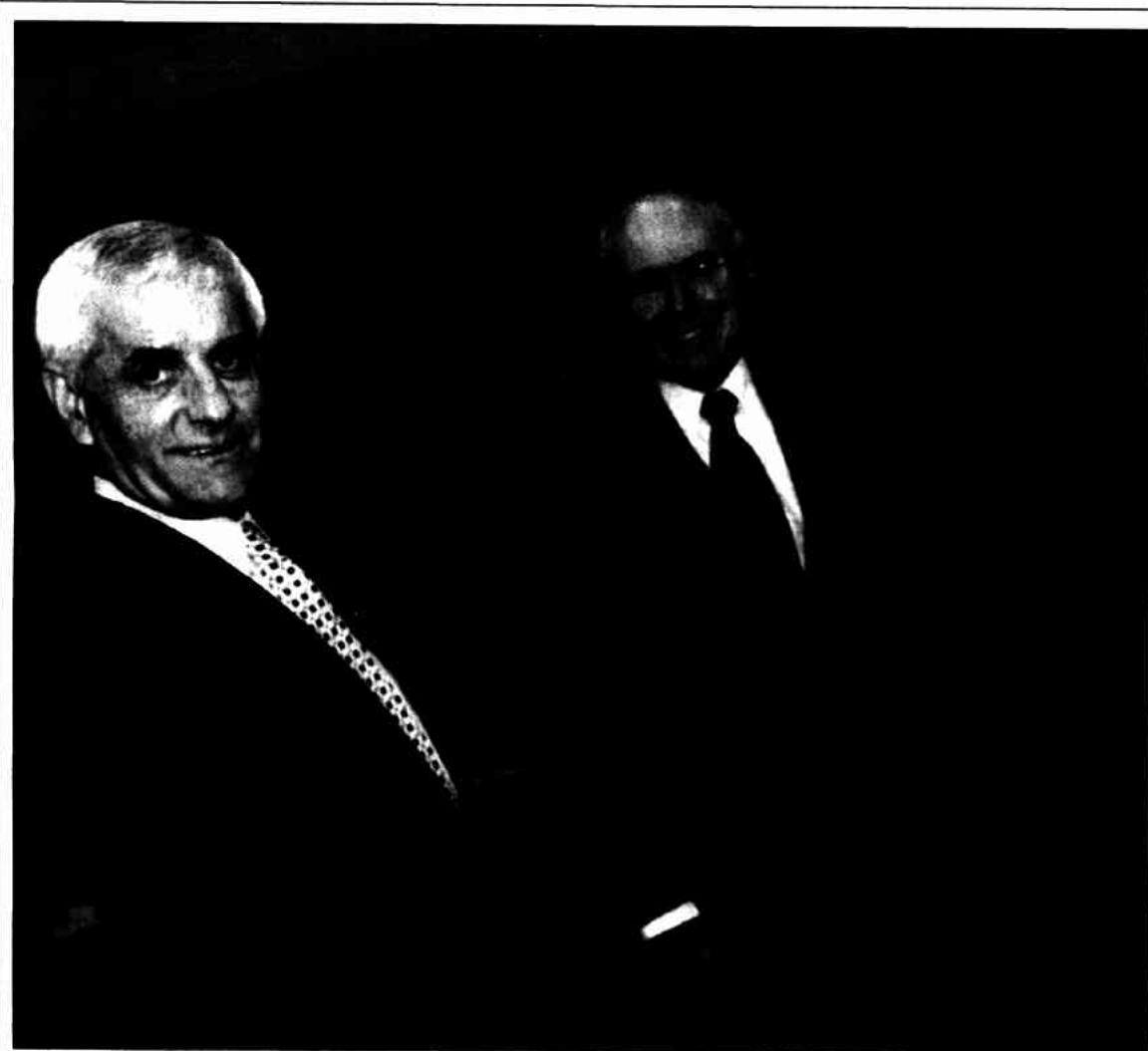
NSW Jewish Board of Deputies president Stephen Rothman said there were a number of incidents in the street concerning the air-gun, and "it's

most unlikely that the students were specifically targeted because they were Jewish".

However, Rabbi Feldman said "this is nothing out of the ordinary. It's no different to one of many incidents that happened all the time when they were in Bondi." Some people like to be aggressive.

The 45 rabbinical students were forced to move to Allawah following a fire earlier this month at the Yeshiva College's Flood Street dormitories.

"This isn't a wild zone; generally the people here are very nice," Rabbi Feldman added.



Outgoing Israeli Ambassador Gabby Levy takes leave of Prime Minister John Howard at the latter's office in Sydney.

Photo: Ingrid Shakenovskiy

Israeli Ambassador breaks protocol to farewell Prime Minister Howard

MICHAEL CAVANAGH

OUTGOING Israeli Ambassador to Australia Gabby Levy paid a visit to Prime Minister John Howard last week to bid him farewell - a rare move in diplomatic circles.

The unusual gesture which saw the two men meet for half-an-hour in the Prime Minister's office in Sydney on Friday is regarded as symbolic of the esteem which the two have for each other.

Levy travelled to the Harbour City for the farewell prior to heading off to the Pacific for a series of goodbyes to the countries in the region, which were also his responsibility.

Meanwhile, the successor to Levy - who is to return to Israel in mid-January - is still unknown.

While Israel has confirmed to the Australian Government that the successor will be a political appointment, a source told the *Australian Jewish News* that it could be some time before the person is named.

It will be the first time in 54 years of Australia-Israel diplomatic relations that a career diplomat has not been given responsibility for the region.

One reason for the delay is thought to be "a bit of contention" between Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom over who will get the job.

It was expected that the new ambassador would have been in Canberra two months ago, when Levy's four-year term was to have ended.

There was speculation at the time - prompted by the Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot* - that Arnon Perlman, a media adviser to Sharon, had been given the job. This has since been discounted.

Relations between Australia and Israel had reached new heights with support from the Australian Government and Opposition and statements from Howard and Foreign Minister Alexander Downer even more supportive than those emanating from the United States.

Next AJN will be next year

THE next edition of the *Australian Jewish News* will be published on January 9, 2004. There will be no edition of the AJN next week. The AJN offices will reopen on Monday, January 5.



THE BEST IN THE STATE IN THEIR SUBJECTS

Pictured at the presentation ceremony for students who topped the state in specific HSC subjects, back from left: Rabbi Moshe Gutnick; Sydney Grammar dux Daniel Selikowitz, who achieved a UAI of 100; his parents, Gillian and Mark Selikowitz; Zvika Lux, whose daughter Sarah topped Modern Hebrew Continuers; front: Rebbetzin Esty Gutnick, her daughter, Yeshiva Ladies College dux Mimi Gutnick, who achieved a UAI of 99.9 and topped the state in Classical Hebrew Continuers and Classical Hebrew Extension; Moriah Modern Hebrew teacher Sandy Koonin; Ora Lux, Sarah's mother. Sarah was out of town.

Photo: Ingrid Shakenovsky

Dayschools' HSC triumph

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Peter Berger (Grammar) 99.15; Michael Edwards (Emanuel) 99.1; Taryn Morris (Moriah) 99.1; Sarah Berger (Moriah) 99.1; Nathan Samuels (Moriah) 99.1; Michelle Schnabl (Moriah) 99; Marissa Gadeley (Moriah) 99; Lance Abel (Masada) 99.

Other results: Ariella Moldovan (Moriah) 98.8; Moshe Chai Barukh (Moriah) 98.75; Nicole Hersch (North Sydney Girls High captain) 98.5; Michael Brull (Moriah) 98.45; Benjamin Rozen (Reddam) 98.4; Gabe Chipkin (Masada) 98.4; Jarred Shein (Moriah) 98.35;

Aric Yegudkin (Reddam) 98.3; Jonathan Fine (Masada) 98.2; Evan Bendelstein (Masada) 98.15; Emily Gitelman (Yeshiva) 98.15; Russell Kaplan (Moriah) 98.1; Matt Bowyer (Cranbrook) 98; Anthony Tockar (Reddam) 98; Benjamin Dinte (Moriah) 97.85; David Symonds (Reddam) 97.85; Gavin Chimes (Moriah) 97.85; David Burnett (Killara) 97.8; Jessica Lane (Moriah) 97.5; Clare Janks (Masada) 97.4; Amy Stern (Masada) 97.3; Sarah Milder

(Moriah) 97.25; Rebecca Kummerfeld (Emanuel) 97.2; Jessica Bellamy (Moriah) 97.0;

Daniel Rifkin (Masada) 96.9; Marissa Chorn (Masada) 96.85; Stacey Gelgor (Moriah) 96.85; Jessica Newman (Moriah) 96.8; Daniel Goldstein (Killara) 96.70; Jennifer Runds (Moriah) 96.6; Devorah Leah Milecki (Yeshiva) 96.5; Jacob Ezrakhovich (Sydney Boys High) 96.25; Jo-Anne Hurwitz (Killara) 96.15; Danielle Kilov (Masada) 96.10; Romy Shulman (Masada) 96.05;

Tracy Alexander (Bradfield, Masada) 95.95; Nicole Fain (Moriah) 95.8; Richard Bornstein (Moriah) 95.75; Jonathan Dyne (Moriah) 95.7; Benjamin Zuker (Rose Bay Secondary College) 95.7; Timothy Weiss (Moriah) 95.65; Shelli Baum (Moriah) 95.65; Trevor Geffin (Masada) 95.55; Paul Selikman (Masada) 95.55; Sasha Clifford (Moriah) 95.4; Joseph Dinnen (Moriah) 95.4; Alex Portnoy (Moriah) 95.25; Nicole Kluk (Moriah) 95.25; Saul Kahan (Masada) 95.25; Carla Ross (Masada) 95.2; Alexa Davis (Masada) 95.15; Megan Sandler (Masada) 95.15;

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Higher School Certificate 2003 Spectacular results for Moriah College



The entire Moriah College Family wishes the Class of 2003 and their teachers Mazal Tov for outstanding results in the HSC.

- 14 students gained a UAI of 99 or over, placing them in the top 1% of the State, including a perfect 100 by Tamara Phillips.
- 70 students gained a UAI of 90 or over - 62.5% of Moriah candidates.
- 3 Moriah students scored 100% for English Extension 2. They are: Joel Barrett, Luke Cohen and Tamara Phillips.
- 15 Moriah students achieved a mark of 90 or more in at least 10 units of study, placing them on the prestigious "HSC All-Rounders" list.
- Year 11 accelerated student Sarah Lux, topped the State in Modern Hebrew Continuers.
- Moriah had 254 hits by 79 students on the HSC Honour Roll, which lists results of 90 or more for a specific subject.

Amanda Betz ... 99.9	Alex Owen ... 99.9	Daniel Weiner ... 99.85	Adam Haber ... 99.8
Tami Sokol ... 99.7	Joel Barrett ... 99.7	Luke Cohen ... 99.65	Dana Levi ... 99.45
Michal Alhadoff ... 99.4	Ezter Kalman ... 99.35	Rebecca Gallo ... 99.3	Jessica Green ... 99.25
Marc Sandler ... 99.25	Dana Stern ... 99.25	Keith Friedlander ... 99.2	Laura Gottlieb ... 99.2
Michael Edwards ... 99.1	Taryn Morris ... 99.1	Sarah Berger ... 99.1	Nathan Samuels ... 99.1
Michelle Schnabl ... 99	Marissa Gadeley ... 99	Lance Abel ... 99	Jeremy Nagel ... 98.95

Dayschools' HSC triumph

Ilana Foyer (Moriah) 95.1; Nicole Mizrahi (Emanuel) 95.05; Benjamin Levy (Moriah) 94.95; David McCahon (Reddam) 94.8; Jason Bos (Moriah) 94.5; Adir Burke (Moriah) 94.4; Jenna Klug (Reddam) 94.2;

Daniel Hurst (Moriah) 94; Raquel Goldberg (Riverside Girls High) 93.85; Daniel Cohen (Masada) 93.6; Dean Ginsberg (Killara) 93.6; Jay Boolkin (Reddam) 93.45; Alexander Shamis (Reddam) 93.4; Shane Ozhekh (Moriah) 93.05; Jonathan Michel (Masada) 93.05; Claire Connelly (Masada) 93;

Taryn Strumpman (Moriah) 92.95; Natali Mansberg (Moriah) 92.75; Shlomo Menashe Blasenstein (Yeshiva Boys) 92.75; Sasha Leibowitz (Moriah) 92.65; Greg Edel-muth (Masada) 92.5; Carli Fainsinger (Moriah) 92.4; Sigal Turner (Kambala) 92.4; Jessica Haimovitch (Moriah) 92.25; Tracy Miller (Moriah) 92.2; Karen Mansberg (Moriah) 92.1; Daniel Tow (Moriah) 92.05;

Anna Leibowitz (Moriah) 91.05; Alex Braude (Reddam) 90.9; Natasha Snoyman (Masada) 90.5; Jared Kendler (Killara captain) 90.25; Terri Cohen (Reddam) 90.15; Amy Lurie (Masada) 90.05;

Avi Pollak (Moriah) 89.8; Mark Fischer (Moriah) 89; Leanne Belinfante (Georges River College, Oatley) 87.75.

Of the 112 Moriah students, 14 (12.5 per cent) gained a UAI of 99 or over, placing them in the top one per cent of the state, and 70 gained a UAI of 90 or over, placing them in the top 10 per cent of the state.

Three Moriah students scored 100 per cent for English Extension 2 - Joel

Barrett, Luke Cohen and Tamara Phillips.

In Modern Hebrew Continuers, Moriah students took out the first five places in the state - Sarah Lux 1st, Tamara Phillips 2nd, Jordana Glanz 3rd, Jonathan Deutsch 4th, Shuniel Turner 5th.

Fifteen Moriah students achieved a mark of 90 or more in at least 10 units of study, placing them on the All-Rounders list: Joel Barrett, Amanda Belz, Luke Cohen, Jordana Glanz, Michael Goltsman, Laura Gotlieb, Adam Haber, Joshua Milston, Jeremy Nagel, Tamara Phillips, Nathan Samuels, Tami Sokol, Daniel Solomon, Dane Stern and Ben Tassie.

With 77 Masada students sitting the HSC this year, 56 per cent (43 out of 77) gained a UAI of over 90. Masada came sixth in mathematics and 24th in English.

100 per cent of Masada students came in the top 80 per cent of the state in this year's HSC in Ancient History, Visual Arts and Modern Hebrew, 94 per cent in Modern History, 91 per cent in Biology, 90 per cent in Economics, 89 per cent in Drama, 88 per cent in Physics, 86 per cent in Advanced English, 84 per cent in Business Studies, 83 per cent in Mathematics, 82 per cent in General Mathematics.

Thirty-eight per cent of Masada English extension 1 students got over 90 per cent, 90 per cent of English extension 2 students got over 90 per

cent and 83 per cent got over 90 per cent in Mathematics Extension 1.

Forty six per cent of Emanuel's 37 students who sat for an HSC subject achieved more than 90 in at least one course. In 15 of the 34 courses studied, 80 per cent came in the top two bands scoring over 80.

In nine courses, more than 30 per cent came in the top band, scoring over 90.

• 96 per cent of Emanuel's English Advanced students gained in the top two bands, scoring over 80.

• 100 per cent of English Extension 1 and 2 students gained the top

two bands.

• 100 per cent of Modern History students gained the top two bands.

• 100 per cent of History Extension students gained the top band, scoring over 90.

• 100 per cent of Visual Arts students gained the top two bands.

• 100 per cent of Hebrew students gained the top two bands.

• Emanuel gained the top two bands at twice the NSW state rate in Chemistry, Drama, French, Legal Studies, Mathematics, Music,

PDHPE, Studies of Religion, French, and at nearly six times the rate in Hospitality.

With 18 Yeshiva Ladies College students sitting the HSC, 100 per cent of students scored in the top band for 2-Unit Mathematics and 33 per cent scoring in the top band in Extension 1 Mathematics.

Ranked 34th in the state in respect to Mathematics and 59th for English, 22 per cent of Advanced English students came in the top band.

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The Masada Community are proud to announce the 2003 HSC results and extend a hearty Mazaltov and Kol Hakavod to all our students and staff!

to
DUX of Masada College 2003 - Michaela Alhadeff
"Top All Rounders" - Michaela Alhadeff, Max Taylor, Ian Yamey
Maximum marks English Extension 2 - Marissa Chorn
6th Mathematics NSW - Marc Sandler
6th NSW - Mathematics Department
20th overall in NSW - Masada College (including selective schools)
56% of students with UAI above 90

Listed are the percentage of students above 80

Ancient History	100%		PDHPE	60%	
Biology	91%	64% with 90+	Physics	88%	50% with 90+
Business Studies	80%	47% with 90+	Society and Culture	75%	
Chemistry	70%		Studies of Religion	52%	
Design and Technology	67%		Visual Arts	100%	83% with 90+ 61% with a mark of 93 and over
Drama	89%				
Economics	90%		EXTENSIONS		
English Advanced	86%		English Extension 2		90% in Top Band
Food Technology	40%		Mathematics Extension 1		83% in Top Band
Mathematics General	82%		Mathematics Extension 2		33% in Top Band
Mathematics	83%	59% with 90+			
Modern Hebrew	100%				
Modern History	94%				

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Michael Goldman ... 98.85 Joshua Milston ... 98.85 Matt Bowyer ... 98 Daniel Goldstein ... 96.7



Deborah Milecki ... 96.5 David Burnett ... 97.8 Leanne Belinfante 87.75 Sigal Turner ... 92.4



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Bravo Yr 12 Emanuel School! Enjoy your fine results

Emanuel HSC students sat 34 courses in 25 different subjects. In 15 of these 34 courses, 80% of the Emanuel candidature gained the top two Bands scoring over 80. In 22 courses, 50% gained the top two Bands scoring over 80. In 9 courses, more than 30% gained the top Band scoring over 90.

46% of Emanuel's 37 students who sat for an HSC subject achieved more than 90 in at least one course.

Special applause for achievements in English, History, Modern Hebrew and Visual Arts:

- 96% of English Advanced students gained the top two Bands scoring over 80
- 100% of Extension 1 and Extension 2 English students gained the top two Bands
- Michael Edwards gained a perfect score in Extension 2 English
- 100% of Modern History students gained the top two Bands
- 100% of History Extension students gained the top Band scoring over 90
- 100% of Visual Arts students gained the top two Bands
- 100% of Hebrew students gained the top two Bands
- our two Russian students gained marks in the high 90s

Our students also excelled in other subjects, gaining the top two Bands at twice the NSW State Rate in Chemistry, Drama, French, Legal Studies, Mathematics, Music PDHPE, Studies of Religion, French and at nearly six times the rate in Hospitality.

Mazal Tov to our top academic all-rounders Dana Levi, Eszter Kalman and Michael Edwards. UAI news at this stage: it appears that 30% or more have achieved UAIs over 95 (top 5% of the State).

The Board and Staff of Emanuel School wish you a well-earned break. We are proud of all our students and their accomplishments.

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Emanuel School

Dayschools' HSC triumph

CONTINUED FROM NEWS 5

Twenty-seven per cent of Yeshiva Ladies College students came in the top band in Modern History with 25 per cent of the extension class achieving the highest band.

With three students sitting the exams, Yeshiva Boys High scored between five to ten per cent above the state average in six out of the seven subjects studied and featured in the Honour Rolls.

One student scored over 90 in Maths and Classical Hebrew (2 and 3 unit) - Shlomo Menashe Blasen-stein, who gained a UAI of 92.75.

Among other schools which have a significant number of Jewish students, Kambala placed 29th, Ascham 31st, Barker 34th, Cranbrook 35th, Reddam 36th and Kil-lara High 44th.

Further Moriah HSC statistics:

- 83.33% of Moriah students scored in the top band in English Extension 2 compared with a State average of 43.09% - 100% scored in the top 2 bands compared with a State average of 84.92%.

- 78.57% of Moriah students scored in the top band in English Extension 1 compared with a State average of 16.95% - 100% scored in the top 2 bands compared with a State average of 77.17%.

- 73.33% of Moriah students scored in the top band in Mathematics Extension 1 compared with a State average of 31.6% - 100% scored in the top 2 bands compared with a

State average of 73.6%.

- 70.58% of Moriah students scored in the top band in Mathematics Extension 2 compared with a State average of 32.99% - 100% scored in the top 2 bands compared with a State average of 81%.

- 41.66% of Moriah students scored in the top band in Ancient History compared with a State average of 10.50% - 100% of Moriah students scored in the top 2 bands compared with a State average of 36.05%.

- 20.68% of Moriah students scored in the top band in Biology, compared with a State average of 8.21% - 79.3% scored in the top 2 bands, compared with a State average of 32.17%.

- 28.2% of Moriah students scored in the top band in Business Studies, with the State average being 5.9% - 69.22% scored in the top 2 bands compared with a State average of 28.17%.

- 23.52% of Moriah students scored in the top band in Chemistry compared with a State average of 6.76% - 88.22% scored in the top 2 bands compared with a State average of 25.93%.

- 42.85% of Moriah students scored in the top band in Classical Hebrew Continuers compared with a State average of 21.21% - 85.7% scored in the top 2 bands compared with a State average of 45.45%.

- 75% of Moriah students scored in the top band in Classical Hebrew

Extension compared with a State average of 36.84%.

- 9.09% of Moriah students scored in the top 2 bands in Design and Technology compared with a State average of 40.15 - 81.81% scored in the top 3 bands compared with a State average of 61.35%.

- 25% of Moriah students scored in the top band in Drama compared with a State average of 7.97% - 100% scored in the top 2 bands compared with a State average of 37.86%.

- 46.15% of Moriah students scored in the top band in Economics compared with a State average of 12.6% - 92.3% scored in the top 2 bands compared with a State average of 43.78%.

- 100% of Moriah students scored in the top 2 bands in French compared with a State average of 31.55%.

- 57.14% of Moriah students scored in the top band in History Extension compared with a State average of 17.98% - 100% scored in the top 2 bands compared with a State average of 57.73%.

- 100% of Moriah students scored in the top 2 bands in Information Processing Technology compared with a State average of 29.33%.

The above list of results is not comprehensive, but represents all the names submitted to the Australian Jewish News at the time of going to press.



Anthony Tockar
... 98



Benjamin Dinto
... 97.85



David Symonds
... 97.85



Gavin Chimes
... 97.85



Jessica Lane
... 97.5



Clare Janks
... 97.4



Amy Stern
... 97.3



Rebecca Kummerfeld
97.2



Jessica Bellamy
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Daniel Rifkin
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Marissa Chorn
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Stacey Gelgor
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Jennifer Runds
... 96.6



Danielle Kilov
... 96.1



Romy Shulman
... 96.05



Jonathan Dyme
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Nicole Fain
... 95.8



Benjamin Zuker
... 95.7



Richard Bornstein
... 95.75



Shlomo Blasenstein
92.75



*VHS Congratulates the
efforts and achievements of
Year 12, 2003 students.*



**CONGRATULATIONS
HSC STUDENTS 2003
on
OUTSTANDING results!**

- ❖ 21% of students achieved UAI's of over 95
- ❖ 50% of students achieved UAI's of over 90
- ❖ 80% of students achieved UAI's of over 80
- ❖ 100% achieved over 80% in English Extension 2
- ❖ 100% achieved over 80% in Mathematics Extension 2
- ❖ 100% achieved over 80% in Ancient History
- ❖ 100% achieved over 80% in History Extension
- ❖ 100% achieved over 80% in Legal Studies
- ❖ 100% achieved over 80% in Music

Out of only 43 students, 3 achieved over 90% in 10 or more of their units and the following students truly excelled, achieving UAI's of over 97: **Keith Friedlander, Benjamin Rozen, Aric Yegudkin, Anthony Tockar, David Lopis, David Symonds, Ben Bala, Ivan Ruhle**

Other students achieving UAI's of over 90: **Michael Shor, Ricky Clennar, David McCahon, Jenna Klug, Konstantin Kononov, Jay Boolkin, Alexander Shamis, Laura Collie, Benjamin Kramer, Ken Dalley, Alexander Braude, Terri Cohen**

Reddam House pays tribute to all its HSC students on their outstanding achievements!!



Jeremy Rosen of Balwyn High School was one of 18 students to top Victoria's VCE (HSC equivalent) with what is regarded as a perfect score of 99.95.

Leibler-Yavneh the 3rd-best in Victoria

BRANDON COHEN

LEIBLER Yavneh College has taken over the mantle of the top-performing Jewish school in the VCE (Victoria's HSC equivalent).

The modern Orthodox school has been ranked third overall behind two government schools - MacRobertson Girls' High and Melbourne High.

Three Jewish schools were ranked in the top 10 in the state - Leibler Yavneh, Bialik College and Mount Scopus College - an increase of one on last year when Bialik and Yeshiva College made the top 10.

Leibler Yavneh principal

Rabbi Dr Chanina Rabinowitz said the ranking as the top non-selective school in Victoria was a measure of consistency, rather than outright spectacular performances.

"What's especially meaningful is that we have a mission of reaching out to the entire Jewish community and welcoming any student who wants to be part of our community."

MacRobertson was rated Victoria's number one school for the second consecutive year.

Bialik - which has been ranked in the top two for about six years and was the top Jewish school last year - dropped to equal fifth spot.

Stimulate your baby – quickly

JACQUI GAL

HAPPY babies make for well-adjusted adults – no surprise there.

What families may not realise, however, is that the structure of a baby's brain is shaped by the way the infant is treated in the first three years of life – and parents should be stimulating babies within hours of birth.

"We are born with a set of genes that determine who we are," Sydney paediatrician Dr Michael Zilibowitz explained. "But the environment and genes interact to determine the architecture and shape of the baby's brain."

According to Dr Zilibowitz – who has contributed to a video for new parents called *Getting to Know You* – the nature-nurture debate has been laid to rest. "They are equally important. It is the sensory input from the environment that switches on the genetic engine."

Getting to Know You provides parents with guidance on how to stimulate their baby's brain – from as early as five hours after birth.

It shows parents communicating with their infants through eye con-

tact, proximity and speech. A key part of the process is interpreting the child's subtle forms of communication and recognising when the baby is relaxed and ready for interaction.

"Some parents say 'I can't wait for my kids to get older so they can communicate with me,'" Dr Zilibowitz said; "if you know what to look for, it's there from the beginning."

"Not doing this is as neglectful as not immunising; diseases can be seen, but emotional damage is much more difficult to recognise."

DR MICHAEL ZILIBOWITZ
Paediatrician

"What parents do with their young child is critical, and most of it is irreversible. People have known that the first three years are important, but now we have the technology to see it. There are newer scans that can look at how the brain functions."

The scans have identified critical periods for brain growth in children.

"If a baby is born with cataracts, for example, there is a critical period to remove them, or the baby will never develop the capacity for sight."

If the relevant brain cells are not stimulated within a given time, they will die, and no amount of later stimulation can restore them.

"The same is true for the capacity to develop stable emotions and healthy attachments."

Dr Zilibowitz, who immigrated from South Africa 28 years ago, is a vocal advocate for increased government resources to support parents.

"The cost to the community is



Jessica Finkelstein-Abitz with her son, Daniel, who was among the 700 Australian babies born on December 4, 2003, making him one of Australia's 20 millionth citizens.

overwhelming if things don't go well in the first three years.

"The nation's future is dependent on the investment made in the early years. As a community, however, we need to help parents do it better."

"For millions of years we lived in groups of 30 and mothers were important. But in our society we live in boxes and the stress on parents is

huge. We need to adapt to a much more community-based structure."

The information is as crucial to public health as is immunisation, he says. "Not doing this is as neglectful as not immunising because diseases can be seen, but emotional damage is much more difficult to recognise."

"One of many goals is to spread this information and ensure that it's

recognised as important. We would like every young mother to see the video after giving birth."

"We have to recognise that these aren't just good ideas, but they're critical – an important part of our community."

For information about the video *Getting to Know You*, contact 9951 0300.



Paediatrician Dr Michael Zilibowitz.

She's a doctor, and she's loving it

AVIVA BARD

DR Lindy Lowenstein was in shock the first time she delivered a baby.

Graduating with a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery from the University of Adelaide last week, Sydney-born Dr Lowenstein, 24, was so thrilled by her initial foray into obstetrics that she has decided to specialise in that field and in gynaecology.

Dux of Killara High School in 1997, she missed out by just 0.4 per cent on being accepted to study medicine at the University of Sydney, so she relocated to Adelaide.

Enrolling at the University of Adelaide, she also took on the role of president of the South Australian branch of the Australasian Union of Jewish Students.

During her medical degree, she delivered babies in a country hospital in Mount Gambier and worked in the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Unit at the Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney as part of her elective program.

She "loved the experience" and is determined to pursue this path. "It's so nice being involved in such a special occasion [delivering babies]. People are so grateful. It's just an amazing experience."

Intending to study medicine



University of Adelaide graduate Dr Lindy Lowenstein.

since she was in Year 10, Dr Lowenstein said it was the rapport she developed with patients which gave her the greatest gratification.

"I like the people aspect of it and the rapport you get, especially with women. I find it easier to build up a rapport with women. They trust me, which is why I want to do obstetrics and gynaecology."

"You have to gain that trust and let someone understand that you know what they're going through and help them get through it."

Undeterred by the impact of medical indemnity insurance on obstetricians and on surgeons in general, Dr Lowenstein said "it wasn't a big issue. If I'm passionate about it, I shouldn't let money obstruct me. And that goes for lifestyle; I'll somehow make it work for me."

"I love dealing with women, and the obstetrics and gynaecological part. People think I'm crazy, but I love it."

Dr Lowenstein is to take up an internship at Sydney's Prince of Wales Hospital.

Israeli analyst moving to Sydney

ONE of Israel's most highly regarded political analysts is moving to Sydney.

Chemi Shalev will follow his wife Nili, who has been appointed commissioner for the Israel Trade Commission – an arm of the nation's Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Chief political and diplomatic commentator for the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv* and columnist for the New York *Forward*, Shalev also appears on CNN as its resident Mid-East analyst.

He visited Sydney during the United Israel Appeal's 2002 campaign.

Prior to entering journalism, Shalev was the spokesman of the



Chemi Shalev

Israeli Consulate in New York.

The couple is due to arrive in January. The Trade Commission posting usually lasts three or four years.

Monash scholarships for potential leaders

MICHAEL CAVANAGH

EIGHT potential leaders of Australian society have been awarded the country's richest scholarship – named after one of Australia's most outstanding soldiers, General Sir John Monash.

The General Sir John Monash Foundation's inaugural awards of up to \$150,000 each went to the eight at a ceremony at Government House. The scholarships will assist in postgraduate studies at overseas universities.

The Federal Government, the Australian Capital Territory as well as the Pratt Foundation, Westfield and Macquarie Bank back the Foundation, which was launched in 2002.

Foundation chairman and Aus-

tralian Defence Force former chief General Peter Gration urged the winners to take up the Monash challenge:

"The privilege of education carries great responsibilities; it is given not for individual benefit alone, but to benefit persons for the higher duties of citizenship and for roles of leadership in all fields to make Australia great," Monash said in 1920.

Monash, Australian Jewry's finest soldier, is regarded as one of the most outstanding generals on the Western Front during World War I.

The winners are: Katherine Allen, Jacqueline Mowbray, Lara Olsen, Aimee Heuzenroeder, Thomas Hanna, Jacqueline Baker, Jean-Paul Carvalho and Danielle Malek.

Unsung heroes

She confronted Holocaust denier David Irving and has guided thousands of schoolchildren through a Holocaust centre. But in her autobiography, Kitia Altman's objective is to pay respect to the unsung heroes of the Holocaust. **ANGIE FOX reports.**

KITIA Altman's frail exterior belies her tough interior.

Her tiny frame hunches over a cane as she walks. Her face is etched with indelible lines that bear witness to unthinkable torment and tragedy.

As she pours herself a glass of cranberry juice in her Caulfield kitchen, her hands shake uncontrollably.

Yet Altman, who refuses to reveal her age, talks about her life with youthful exuberance.

Perched on her living-room couch, surrounded by photographs of her son and various cousins scattered around the globe, she has the commanding presence of an orator, her words emerging with careful consideration.

Despite enduring what she refers to as unimaginable "dehumanisation" as a Polish teenager during the Holocaust, it was Altman who famously debated Holocaust denier David Irving in 1993 on Channel Nine's *A Current Affair* when he was refused entry into Australia.

According to Altman, she "demolished" him.

This story, and a multitude of oth-

ers, make up *Memories Of Ordinary People* - the autobiography which she wrote under the auspices of the Makor Jewish Community Library's "Write Your Story" program.

A volunteer at the Jewish Holocaust Centre since 1987, she stresses the impact it has had on her. "My work in the Holocaust Centre gave me an insight into the importance of reconstructing the world that vanished.

"It can be reconstructed only through the people who survived," she says.

"Poland had 3.5 million Jews. They were the grassroots of Polish Yiddish culture. The cobblestones, the courtyards, the religious Jews, family values and the extended families, all disappeared."

Memories Of Ordinary People, says Altman, honours the nameless faces which perished in the Holocaust.

"Whole communities and whole families perished. Who was there to remember them? Who was there to register their names in Yad Vashem?"

In her book, Altman recreates her childhood in Bedzin, a town in the east of Poland, and recounts her experiences during the Holocaust.

In the first week of the German invasion in 1939 the Nazis sealed the Bedzin Synagogue with 100 people inside and set it ablaze.

Altman began work in the newly-established ghetto in a workshop established by the SS under the command of one Alfred Rossner.

Rossner, who was hanged in 1944 for using his position to assist some of the 3000 Jews he employed to escape



Kitia Altman (left) after liberation, and today.



deportation by the Nazis, was posthumously honoured as Righteous Among the Nations in 1995.

Altman worked in Rossner's workshop until August 1943, when the ghetto was liquidated.

Her mother survived the war and migrated to Israel in 1948, where she lived until her death in 1974. Her father died during a death march in 1945, just days before liberation.

But Altman remained in Bedzin until June 1944 and wound up in Auschwitz, Ravensbruck and then Beendorf, Germany, where she worked until liberation in April 1945, when she was taken to Sweden.

In 1946 she was reunited with her

mother and brother in Paris before immigrating to Australia with her husband in 1947. Her son Yigal, who now lives in Israel, was born in 1949.

For Altman the process of writing was painful. "It's a funny thing, memory, you can't dictate to it. It's not like hunger; if it doesn't take over during the day, it takes over at night."

After completing the book, she experienced "anxiety" and "doubt" about its value.

"I was reassured by colleagues that the purpose of writing is not for us who know and remember, but for generations in 20 or 50 years. And not just for Jewish descendants."

True to character, it was Altman

who had the last word in the debate with David Irving.

When he suggested that it was she who manipulated the truth, she waved her bare arm at him.

"Mr Irving, I don't need to deceive people in a simple way, I've got a number, an Auschwitz number, as proof. You haven't got it, you haven't been there. I was there."

For three days after the debate, her telephone didn't stop ringing, she says - indicative of the success of her mission.

"Spreading awareness of the Holocaust has not only added another dimension to my life, but has focused my life."

Mundine building bridges to community

MICHAEL CAVANAGH

ABORIGINAL leader and Australian Labor Party president-in-waiting Warren Mundine will be "building bridges" between Labor and the Jewish community, according to a founding member of the Jewish Labor Forum.

Waverley Labor Councillor George Newhouse praised the election of Mundine to the position of Labor junior vice-president. Mundine thanked the Jewish community for its support.

The appointment means Mundine will assume the position of Labor national president in 2006

under the rotational system, which sees former federal Labor minister Carmen Lawrence in charge from January for 12 months.

Lawrence attracted the majority of party member's votes for the position, and she will be succeeded by another former federal Labor minister, Barry Jones, after he polled the second-most votes behind Lawrence, with Mundine coming third.

Newhouse said Mundine will have a great deal to do with the Jewish Labor Forum, which was formed in Sydney earlier this year to reverse anti-Labor feeling among sections of the Jewish community.

Newhouse is dismissive of Labor backbencher Julia Irwin, who has been critical of Israel, and argues that Mundine will be there to listen to the community.

"Warren is a good friend of the Jewish community and he will do what he can when he can to assist," Newhouse told the *Australian Jewish News*.

Interest in the Labor Party by the community has "waxed and waned" over the years, says Newhouse, who believes Mundine - who is from Dubbo in the central west of New South Wales - will try to "re-invigorate" that involvement.

Turks, Jews unite against terror

MELBOURNE'S Jewish and Turkish communities will stand united against acts of terror.

This was the message that reverberated from a solidarity rally following the recent bombings in Istanbul.

Representatives of the two communities, including Federal Member for Melbourne Ports Michael Danby and Turkish Consul-General Hasan Asan, condemned the attacks on British and Jewish buildings in Istanbul.

Danby said he hoped "the rest of Australia will also unite in our joint efforts to eliminate terrorism and

support the kind of tolerant and pluralist society that we have".

He read a message from Prime Minister John Howard, who said the communities' efforts "re-emphasise the virtues of tolerance and harmony within our community".

British Consul-General Anthony Spragg also addressed the crowd of 150, and Turkish and Muslim community leaders prayed for peace.

Seven Jews were killed in two attacks on shuls in Istanbul, including a 35-year-old pregnant woman, an eight-year-old girl, her grandmother and a security guard.

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13 elite reservists refuse to serve in territories

JERUSALEM - Reserve soldiers in the IDF's elite General Staff Sayeret Matkal unit have signed a letter of refusal to serve in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Channel 2 reported this week.

The letter was signed by 13 soldiers, including officers, and is addressed to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and the Ministry of Defence. There has been no official response from the Prime Minister's Office.

"No longer will we sacrifice the humanity within us in military-occupation missions," the letter states. "We have already transgressed the warrior's line that ensures the justice of our way. We approached that line by the subjugation of another people. This line we will transgress no longer!" the letter ended.

While politicians on the left and right criticised the move, members of the left termed the act as understandable.

Labour MK Ophir Pines-Paz said that "any type of refusal" is "wrong and dangerous", but said that the fact that the movement has reached Sayeret Matkal requires Sharon and Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz to reach conclusions about the government's "dead end policy in the territories".

Meretz MK Yossi Sarid said that he continues to oppose refusal to serve, but placed the responsibility for the development on Sharon, Mofaz and the IDF leadership. He said the move "shows that the occupation is also ruining the army".

Sarid said it would not take long until the army disintegrates. Deputy

Education Minister Zvi Hendel (National Union) said there is "no limit to the moral corruption of the extreme left", which he said "does not hesitate to use the military to spread its ideas". He said the chief of staff must "severely punish" the group and evict them from the military. Hendel said the left should take an example from the right, whose supporters he said serve in elite units but refrain from politicising the military.

"No longer will we sacrifice the humanity within us in military-occupation missions."

EXTRACT FROM LETTER BY
13 ELITE RESERVISTS

National Religious Party whip Shaul Yahalom said the group should be "put in jail". He said it should be noted during Chanukah that there was also a small minority that did not take part in the battle of the Maccabees.

The Matkal unit was commanded by former prime minister Ehud Barak in the 1972 release of Sabena hostages, and by the brother of Finance Minister Binyamin Netanyahu - Jonathan - in the 1976 release of Air France hostages in Entebbe.

In September, 27 reserve IAF pilots refused to participate in targeted killings or any other operations in the Palestinian Authority territories, saying such actions were immoral.

JERUSALEM POST

Chanukiah at Saddam's palace

A CHANUKIAH is being lit at Saddam Hussein's former palace. The menorah, 35 centimetres high with candle holders that look like pomegranates, was made by Oded Halahmy, a Baghdad-born artist.

The menorah was brought to Baghdad after a request from a US

Army chaplain, Colonel Frank Wismer. Wismer wrote to Halahmy that personnel working at the palace "are experiencing something akin to what the Jews must have experienced when the Maccabees recaptured Jerusalem," according to the *New York Jewish Week*.

JTA

The end of Greater Israel?

NEWS ANALYSIS

RON KAMPEAS

WASHINGTON - Ariel Sharon had no map, he drew no lines, he spoke in the vaguest of terms, but when he said he would remove settlements, he made the most startling concession of his career - and cornered his rivals like a master tactician.

The Israeli prime minister warned his compatriots last week that they would have to face the "extremely difficult" prospect of removing Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, a remarkable statement from the man widely regarded as the architect and driving force behind Israel's settlement movement.

Speaking at the Herzliya Conference - an annual security conference that Sharon has used in the past for announcing new policies - the prime minister ostensibly directed his speech at the Palestinians, telling them they would gain much more if they adhered to the US-led "road map" peace plan and cracked down on terrorist groups.

Through negotiations, Sharon said, the Palestinians could gain "a democratic Palestinian state with territorial integrity in Judea and Samaria" - the West Bank - "and economic viability".

If the Palestinians reject peaceful negotiation, he said, "Israel will initiate the unilateral security step of disengagement from the Palestinians".

It was Sharon's De Gaulle moment: Israel's most fearsome warrior, its fervent nationalist, saying that the time had come to give up officially on a dream - in this case, the right of Jews to live anywhere in the biblical Land of Israel between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea.

"In the framework of a future agreement, Israel will not remain in all the places it is today," he said. Reaction to the speech was swift. Israelis across the political spectrum, American officials, Palestinians and American Jews all weighed in.

The main pro-Israel lobbying group in Washington, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), noted how far Sharon had come.

"In the face of opposition from his core constituency, Sharon expressed a



Ariel Sharon: "Israel will not remain in all the places it is today." Photo: JTA

firm determination to take historic steps on the difficult and painful issues of settlements and outposts," an AIPAC statement said. In his speech, Sharon said he would act within months.

David Mack, an analyst with the Middle East Institute, in Washington, said Sharon had taken the strategic high ground.

"People underestimate Prime Minister Sharon. They say he's a tactician but doesn't have a strategy, but this shows he may well have a strategy," said Mack, a former US assistant deputy secretary of state for Near East affairs. "He may know that at some point there would have to be withdrawals. This way, he gets a far better situation for Israel in terms of borders."

In an irony perhaps typical of Middle East diplomacy, prominent members of Israel's right and left united in their alarm at a prime ministerial vision they said was short-sighted.

There was satisfaction in another corner of Sharon's government - from Shinui, which has billed itself as a pragmatic party with an unvarnished view of both Palestinian diplomatic intentions and the feasibility of the idea of a Greater Israel.

Palestinians were furious at Sharon's speech, calling it an ultimatum. "It's the mentality of occupation, the delivering of ultimatums and then imposing unilateral conditions," said Dr Hanan Ashrawi, a Palestinian legislator. "It's about time to get down to

business and acts without imposing impossible conditions."

It was not only the Palestinians who were cornered. By making the removal of settlements a condition for peace without specifying any settlements by name, Sharon also made it difficult for hard-liners in and out of his government to protest.

"I know you want names, but we have to leave something for later," he said. Sharon apparently has learned the lesson of his evacuation of the Sinai settlement of Yamit in 1982, when months of advance notice allowed settlers to organise a bloody and traumatic demonstration of resistance during the evacuation.

Sharon already was anticipating flak from his right wing in his speech, and he hinted at a startling quid pro quo: "Settlements which will be relocated are those which will not be included in the territory of the State of Israel in the framework of any possible permanent agreement." Other settlements, Sharon noted, would become part of Israel.

Translation: Sharon would annex settlements such as Ma'aleh Adumim and the Etzion bloc, areas that even the most conciliatory peace plans keep within Israel. Other settlements - probably many Gaza settlements and far-flung outposts in the West Bank - likely would be relocated or dismantled. JTA

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Four Israeli hostages released

ETGAR LEFKOVITS

JERUSALEM - Four Israeli hikers and a Briton kidnapped by Colombian rebels three months ago have been released. They are all in good medical condition.

They were scheduled to be reunited with their families in Bogota. Channel 2 reported that one of the hostages has already been in telephone contact with his family.

Yair Recanati, Israel's ambassador to Colombia, told Channel 1 that he spoke with the Israelis, and said they were all in good health. Recanati said that after they meet with their families, and a short rest, the Israelis will all gather to light a Chanukah candle.

Benny Daniel, speaking to his family via telephone link on Channel 2, told his parents, "I thought about you every minute. I held in there for you. Everything is OK with me, and I will see you soon."

In Yorkshire, England, abductee Mark Henderson's parents held an impromptu press conference outside their home.

"I'd just like to say a very big thank you to the Catholic Church of Colombia," said Christopher Henderson, Mark's father. "They have done



Released hostages Israelis Beni Daniel (left, second row) and Ortaz Ohayon (right, second row), British Mark Henderson (front, speaking by phone) and Israeli Erez Atawil (front, right) arrive at Valledupar's airport after having been freed by their Colombian ELN guerrillas captors. Photo: AP/AAP

all the mediation between the Colombian Government and the rebels and we will be eternally grateful." The four Israelis - Benny Daniel, 23, of Ma'aleh Adumim, Ido Guy, 26, of Haifa, Erez Atawil, 24, from Her-

zliya and Orpaz Ohayon, 22, of Ma'aleh Adumim - and Briton Mark Henderson, 31, were part of a group of 15 foreign backpackers and locals kidnapped on September 12 by Colombia's second-largest rebel

group, the National Liberation Army, or ELN, in the archaeological-rich area of Colombia's northern Sierra Nevada mountains, about 750 kilometres north of Bogota.

Benny Daniel's parents remain in Israel - his brother Motti having arrived there three months ago. His father told Channel 2 news, "There are always frightening moments. Guerrillas are not necessarily the most reliable of people. The priests did 90 per cent of the job; at least the Colombian Government kept the army away, not endangering everyone. Last week, I met Rabbi Kaduri's grandchild who blessed the boys and it worked. As far as I'm concerned, South America has been erased from the map; no child of mine will ever travel there again."

Colombia has the world's highest kidnapping rate, with 3000 people taken hostage last year. Most of the abductions are carried out for ransom by two main rebel groups.

The ELN said it kidnapped the foreign backpackers to raise awareness about the alleged hardship inflicted by outlawed right-wing paramilitary factions and the army on the mainly Indian inhabitants of the Sierra Nevada. **JERUSALEM POST**

Fleischer reflects on White House years

TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES - It is almost six months since Ari Fleischer cleaned out the books and baseball memorabilia from his White House office after two intensive and high-profile years as US President George W Bush's press secretary and spokesman.

Since then, he has set up his own firm, Ari Fleischer Communications, in Washington, DC, has travelled the lecture circuit, and is writing a book. Fleischer, 43, and his wife Becki are expecting their first child in May.

In a phone interview last week, Fleischer talked about being a Jew in the White House, what nickname Bush gave him, and relations with his liberal parents.

It must have been a heady experience to be the president's spokesman, with the world hanging on your every word. Why did you leave?

The job was exhilarating, fascinating, and intellectually rewarding, but it was also exhausting and very hard. The nature of the White House briefing room has changed a lot. And I got married, too. As I said, when I left, I wanted to do something more relaxing.

In what sense have White House press briefings changed?

With round-the-clock TV and radio news, with the internet, everything has become instant. Reporters are under a lot more pressure than 10 years ago, when they had more time for reflection and analysis.

There were and are relatively few Jewish faces in the White House. How did you feel as the sort of resident Jewish rep?

My Jewishness was never an issue. The White House staff is overwhelmingly Texan and Christian, but I found it a very comfortable place to work. Besides, I wasn't the only Jew. There was Josh Bolten, the number one policy person, Blake Gottesman, the president's personal aide who travels with him everywhere, and Brad Blakeman, the president's scheduling director.

Were there any lighter moments with a Jewish touch?

Well, every Chanukah, Josh Bolten brought in a dreidel and showed all the senior staff how to play it.

Are you a lifelong Republican?

By no means. Both my parents are proud Democrats. My dad never voted for a Republican and never will. While I lived at home and when I started college, I was a liberal Democrat. In a sense, it was president [Jimmy] Carter who drove me out of the Democratic



Ari Fleischer, former White House press secretary, was one of the most senior Jews in the Bush administration. Photo: JTA

Party and it was President [Ronald] Reagan who welcomed me into the Republican Party.

How did your parents react when you came out of the closet and told them you had become a Republican?

They were horrified and my dad is still horrified. We are a very close family, but not a quiet one. One of my brothers is a very liberal Democrat, and the other is a very conservative Republican. We have some very spirited discussions around the dinner table.

Did you have a Jewish education?

I went to a Jewish nursery school on the upper West Side of New York,

attended Hebrew School at a Conservative synagogue, and was bar mitzvah at a Reform temple in Ridgefield, Connecticut.

Tell me a little about your family background.

My father was born in this country, but my mother came here from Hungary in August 1939. Very few of her family survived the Holocaust.

Have your parents met President Bush?

Yes, many times. They both like him personally, and my mother even said she might vote for him because he is so pro-Israel. She is still sitting on the fence. Occasionally, the president would ask me, "Have I got your mother yet?" but she is making him work for it.

Did the president have a nickname for you?

Yes, he called me Ari-Bob, sort of Texanised my name.

Are you writing a book? Will it be a kiss-and-tell?

Yes to the first part and no to the second. I'm writing about what I saw in the White House and my relationship to the press corps. The job was really like walking a tight rope between the president and the press. The reporters were a very sharp group, but very demanding. **JERUSALEM POST**

Reunion after 65 years 'like a Chanukah miracle'

JERUSALEM - Siblings who last met 65 years ago were reunited in Israel this week.

Shoshana November, 73, and Benny Shilon, 78, had lived in the Jewish State since 1948 without knowing the other was alive. They were separated as children in Poland and both survived the Holocaust without knowing the fate of the other.

Their reunion came about after a friend pushed Shoshana to visit Yad Vashem where she began searching the archive for her husband's family

because she "had no-one left".

But a staff member informed her that Benny was still alive after he had left his details just weeks earlier in the museum's "Pages of Testimony".

"We jumped on one another and we hugged and kissed and it was hard to talk - it was hard to think," Shoshana said of their meeting.

Benny then found that one of the photos in the museum was of his sister. He had passed it many times without recognising the young girl staring through the wire fence at Auschwitz.

"I looked for her and my siblings during all the years after the war. In the end it happened like a Chanukah miracle," Benny added.

The children were split up in 1936, when their father left home because of the economic crisis. Their mother could not cope with four children and they were sent to separate orphanages. They met two years later for the last time before their emotional reunion this week.

In 1942 Shoshana was sent to Auschwitz. She said her life was saved

by a woman who pushed her out of the line of those to be gassed. She ended up at an adjacent work camp.

Benny escaped to Russia and volunteered for the Red Army. He even took part in the operation to liberate Auschwitz, but by then his sister had been marched off by the Nazis with thousands of other prisoners.

"You cannot describe this in words," Benny said about their reunion. "I grew up alone and I was immune to crying, I didn't know how to. But last night, I cried."

WORLD VIEW

LIBYA ENDS WMDs PROGRAM

ISRAEL praised Libya's decision to completely destroy its chemical, biological and nuclear weapons capability. President George W Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair announced the breakthrough last Friday, after nine months of negotiating with the Libyans. Meanwhile, Arab nations called on Israel to follow Libya's example. Israel is believed to be the only country in the Middle East to possess nuclear weapons, but has never confirmed that it does.

FENCE DATE SET

THE International Court of Justice said it would begin hearings on Israel's security fence, beginning February 23. The court set a deadline of January 30 for countries to submit opinions on the case. The court made its announcement after the UN General Assembly asked the court to hear arguments on the matter.

NABLUS SWEEP DEEPENS

ISRAELI soldiers reportedly killed a Palestinian boy and arrested a Hamas spokesman during an ongoing West Bank sweep. The five-year-old boy was hit by Israeli gunfire in the Balata refugee camp on Sunday. An Israeli Defense Forces' spokesman said the death was being investigated, but confirmed a separate report on the capture of Hamas' West Bank spokesman, Adnan Asfour, in nearby Nablus.

BRITISH CHIEF RABBI ASKED TO QUIT

A LEADING British Jew called on the country's chief Orthodox rabbi to resign. Sir Stanley Kalms wrote in the *London Jewish Chronicle* that Jonathan Sacks should quit because he has not provided leadership to the community and has failed to lead the way in supporting Israel. Kalms, previously one of Sacks' backers, said "on the great Middle East crisis in which Israel is embroiled there is little word from him".

TURKS: BOMB PLOTTER IN CUSTODY

TURKISH authorities have arrested a Turkish citizen on suspicion of plotting last month's Istanbul synagogue bombings. Adnan Ersoz was arrested after he arrived in Istanbul by plane on Monday, a Turkish intelligence official told the Associated Press. Last month's bombings killed 62 people.

ISRAELI ARABS SENTENCED

THREE Israeli Arabs were sentenced for conspiring to kidnap an Israeli soldier and deliver him to Hezbollah as a negotiating card for the release of terrorists held in Israel. The three men, all from the Golan Heights village of Bukata, received sentences ranging from 4 to 13 years from the Nazareth Magistrate's Court.

AN ELVIS MIRACLE

A US synagogue used an Elvis Presley impersonator and Presley's songs to retell the Chanukah story. The program at Beth Shalom Synagogue in Memphis, Elvis' hometown, featured students from the local Solomon Schechter Day School singing *Blue Suede Shoes* and *Heartbreak Hotel*, a reference to Jerusalem's Western Wall, the Associated Press reported. "Since we're in Memphis and Elvis is such a force here, we thought it would be a perfect way to blend modern culture and ancient customs," said Jonathan Ross, who helped produce the program. **JTA**



Baian Jassem just before surgery began.
Photo: BP Images

ISRAELI DOCTORS FAIL TO SAVE IRAQI BABY

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

JERUSALEM — Baian Jassem, the Iraqi baby suffering from a severe congenital heart defect who was brought to Israel for surgery, has died of multiple organ failure.

Jassem was only a week old when brought here as part of the Save a Child's Heart program at Wolfson Hospital.

She was born blue for lack of oxygen, weighing 2.5 kilograms, and diagnosed by a US Army doctor as having a serious congenital heart defect. Without surgery, she would have died almost immediately.

Arriving in a serious condition, she underwent a 10-hour operation, but she suddenly developed a rare complication of haemorrhaging in the lungs. Her parents thanked the medical team for its efforts and said her death was "God's will".

They also thanked the Shevet Ahim voluntary organisation that paid their expenses. The organisation is planning, with diplomatic co-operation, to fly her parents and the baby's body back home.

JERUSALEM POST

New South African chief rabbi just 32

GEOFF SIFRIN

JOHANNESBURG — At a time when South Africa's Jews are anxious over the future of the Jewish community, the religious body representing most Jews has taken a bold step by choosing a young man with little experience as its chief rabbi.

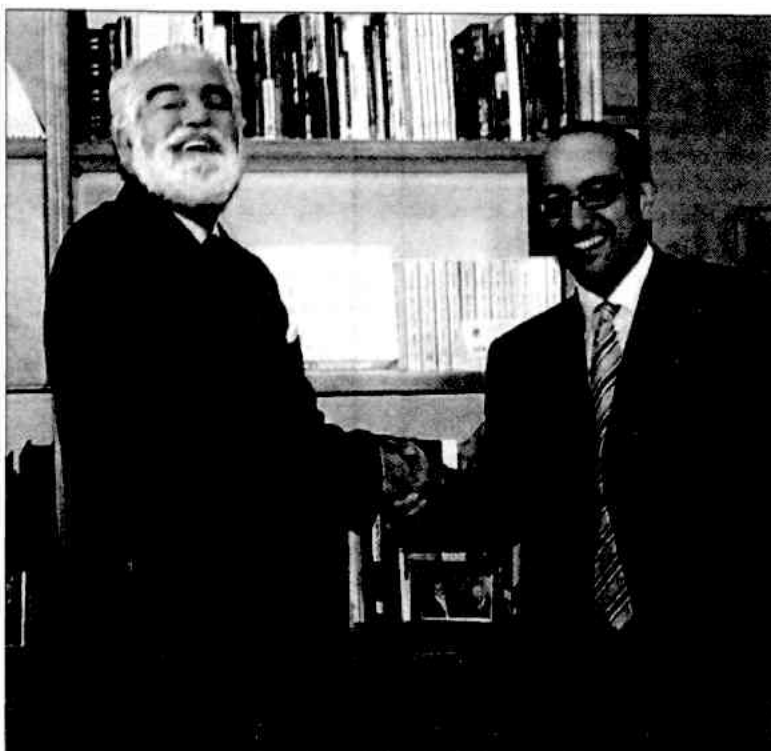
The decision by the Union of Orthodox Synagogues to appoint as chief rabbi Warren Goldstein, 32, has been hailed by many as an inspired move that will inject fresh energy into the troubled Jewish community of 80,000.

Goldstein will take over in January 2005 when the current chief rabbi, Cyril Harris, retires after 17 years. Goldstein is rabbi of a dynamic Orthodox congregation in Johannesburg and a scholar of Judaism and law — but some say he's too young to be chief rabbi.

The role of chief rabbi is high-profile and political. He must interact with the government and participate in national inter-faith and interracial forums.

Because the government relates to the chief rabbi as the public face of South African Jewry, he must be accepted as a spokesman by a broad cross-section of the community, from secular to fervently Orthodox.

South Africa is a religious society, with most citizens identifying with



South Africa's current chief rabbi, Cyril Harris (left), welcomes Chief Rabbi-elect Warren Goldstein.
Photo: Geoff Sifrin/JTA

some faith — Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, traditional African faiths or others. The chief rabbi sits on national bodies with other religious leaders, such as the National Religious Leaders Forum, which deals with the moral regeneration of society, among other issues.

Those who applaud Goldstein's

appointment say his youth will contribute to his effectiveness. He was in school when apartheid reached its era of decline and is untainted by it. The first time he voted was in the 1994 elections that ushered in democracy.

"His youth is a huge asset. The younger generation looks up to him," the president of the Union of

Orthodox Synagogues, Harold Novick, told JTA.

Harris said in an interview that Goldstein's selection is "a statement of being proudly South African Jewish. It is his generation who will stay here and build this community. This is an admirable and forward-looking appointment."

The selection committee, which included a diverse range of Jewish groups, recommended Goldstein from a short list of five. Other candidates were much older and more experienced.

During Harris' 17-year tenure, South Africa went through a dramatic period as it negotiated the road to democracy.

Harris was a high-profile public figure, urging Jews to help end apartheid and embrace the changes of the rebuilt country. He provided an engaging, outward-looking face for South African Jewry, which made many Jews proud.

Goldstein said he sees three main goals for the future: strengthening the Jewish community, which has lost many members due to large-scale emigration; promoting healthy interaction between Jews and broader South African society, including advocating for Israel in a country where most sympathies lie with the Palestinians; and building South Africa economically. JTA

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Outlook

Jewish News

Same script, different details

It describes the events accompanying the establishment of Israel as "the biggest robbery in the history of humankind", marked by "36 massacres", "war and terror against the unarmed Palestinians", "dispossessing between 750,000 and 950,000 Palestinians of their homeland".

It declares that "Zionist strategy" is based on, among other factors, "territorial expansion" and "state terrorism ... to force the Palestinians out of their country and to launch expansionist wars against neighbouring countries".

It maintains that "Israel has no respect for Christian and Muslim holy places" and indulges in "arbitrary killings and torture" in the territories.

It blasts what it terms the "myth" of the "so-called generous offer made by Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak at Camp David" in 2000; "in fact," it maintains, "Barak demanded a reward for Israel's occupation and aggression".

Finally, it states that to achieve a just settlement, "the refugee problem has to be resolved to the satisfaction of the refugees".

"Israel's rejection of the right of the Palestinian people to return just because they are not Jews, at a time when it gives this right to any Jew of any nationality or race ... is the ugliest form of racial discrimination," it says.

"Occupiers, oppressors and racists should not be rewarded. The international community should not allow Israel to continue to jeopardise peace and stability in the Middle East.

"Peace will be established when Israel ends the economic and military siege of Palestinian cities, stops its assassinations, bombardments and killing, withdraws from the 1967-occupied territories and recognises the right of the Palestinian refugees to return."

All the above - replete with slurs, falsities and sinister innuendoes - is extracted from an 11-page "brief history" of "the Palestine question" which accompanied *Treasures of Palestine* - an exhibition which was staged in Canberra earlier this year, and a smaller version of which is currently on display at the Powerhouse Museum.

Anchorman Tony Jones recently introduced a segment on ABC TV's *Lateline* by saying that "only weeks after a fierce campaign to stop Dr Hanan Ashrawi receiving the Sydney Peace Prize, there are allegations that key lobbyists from the Jewish community have attempted to censor a Sydney exhibition depicting Palestinian life".

"In Canberra, *Treasures of Palestine* featured dozens of political photographs and posters and a documentary on the intifada, but Sydney's Powerhouse Museum has removed most of the contentious exhibits," Jones said.

Both exhibitions were sourced from the personal collection of Palestinian representative in Australia Ali Kazak, who told *Lateline*: "It's shameful for the director of the museum to censor something like this from the public."

But Powerhouse director Dr Kevin Fewster asserted that the exhibition was not censored, but culled for space reasons.

And NSW Jewish Board of Deputies president Stephen Rothman concurred that "we were told in no uncertain terms that they would not in any way amend the exhibition". Despite the assurances, the entire focus of the *Lateline* segment was the purported power of Jewish lobbyists.

Even supposing that Kazak's claim - and *Lateline's* clear inference - that the Canberra exhibition had been pruned because of Jewish lobbying, the bare minimum of balanced journalism would have demanded that *Lateline* explore the content of the Canberra display to ascertain what it was that the so-called Jewish lobby might have found problematic.

No such luck. The objective was to denigrate what it termed "the power of Australia's Jewish lobby", with repeated references to the Ashrawi saga - when the "Jewish lobby" also became the story - thrown in to emphasise the point.

With not even a modicum of context, this was little more than a regrettable episode of cheap tabloid journalism.

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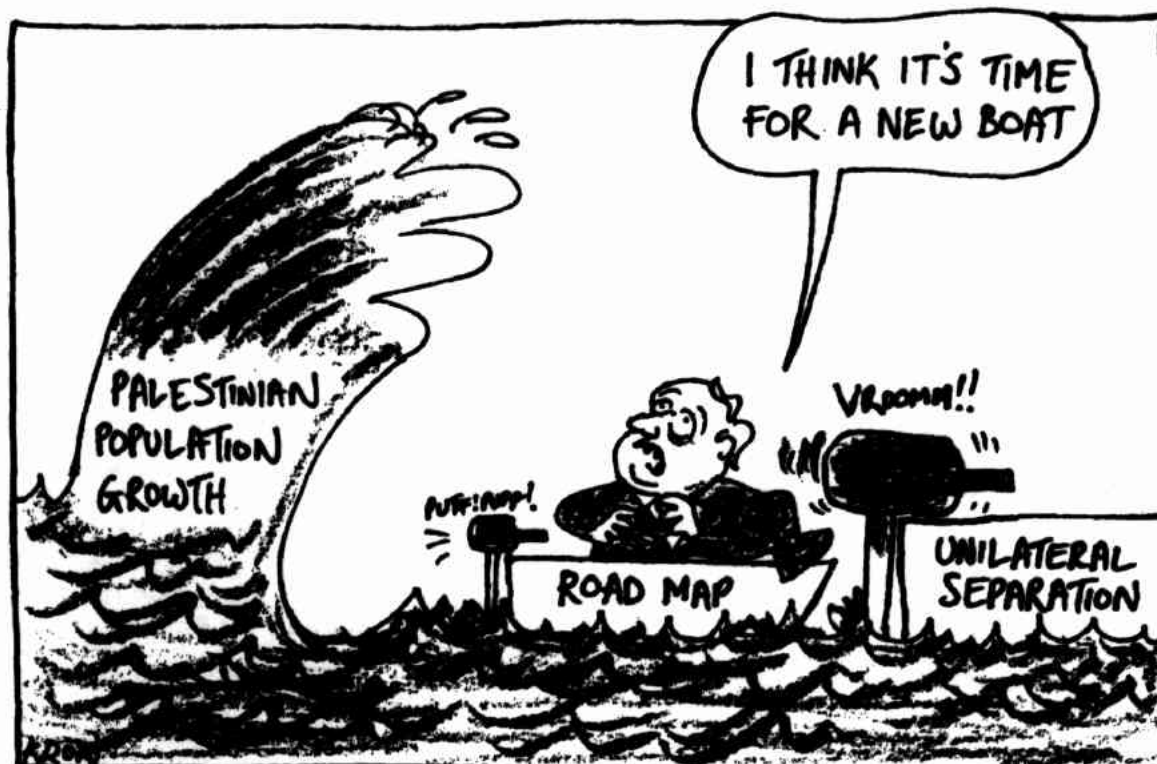
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LETTERS

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SADDENED

THIS letter is written in sadness after the public meeting held last Monday night to discuss the proposed affiliation of Emanuel School and Mount Sinai College.

We noted that fear was the underlying theme of most of the concerns expressed.

Having a common fear can unite a community. But our sadness arises from the differences between the fears expressed by the two groups.

The fears expressed by many Emanuel parents related to practicalities: financial issues, the legality of the proposal and the handling of the consultation process.

Mount Sinai followers appeared to fear that association with Reform Judaism would dilute their Orthodoxy. Further, there was fear of a lessening of "religiosity" through contamination by the Reform movement.

This fearfulness was sometimes expressed in the form of self-righteousness and even bigotry. Emanuel was seen to be anathema to Orthodox Judaism.

Linking the two schools will fail as long as Orthodoxy means condemnation of differing ways of practising Judaism, the desire for exclusivity and intolerance. Our experience of Emanuel is of a tolerant community marked by respect for an entire spectrum of observances.

We believe that the two schools cannot successfully mix unless fundamental change occurs. The fears of

the community need to focus on common issues, rather on each other.

Until then, people like us, who wish for a united community, will remain sad.

AVRIL AND ELLIS JANKS
Randwick, NSW

CORRECT DECISION

I WOULD like to express my thanks to the boards of Emanuel School and Mount Sinai College for their visionary decision to merge the two schools.

Predictably, the protests are coming from a minority of parents many of who do little for the school other than pay fees.

Why is it always the Orthodox establishment who are the "stick in the mud" when change is needed to benefit the community? Is it because they feel they are losing power or are they clinging onto ideals which are becoming outdated?

I thank both boards for the devotion and time they have given to their schools. I am confident that history will prove their decision correct.

TIM GREEN
Sydney, NSW

JEWISH SENSE OF SELF

THE meeting concerning the proposed affiliation of Emanuel School and Mount Sinai College last Monday was revealing.

Most of the parents behaved with dignity, despite high emotion.

I must, however, take issue with the unabashed condescension of Rabbi Selwyn Franklin towards

Emanuel's Jewish life.

He sermonised about his feelings towards Mount Sinai and what he believed the school stood for, all the while implying that Emanuel bore no semblance of the same Yiddishkeit, as he called it.

I can only assume that this attitude is born of ignorance; he obviously wasn't listening to Michael Weiss, an Orthodox student of Emanuel (and former Mount Sinai student), who spoke so eloquently. He made people in the auditorium feel proud.

I would like to know how many Emanuel graduates are within the rabbi's radar, so as to understand whether his condescension towards them is based on experience or myth.

I challenge Rabbi Franklin, or anyone else, to meet Emanuel students and not be impressed by not only their maturity and ability to think for themselves, but their enormous Jewish sense of self, or Yiddishkeit.

More importantly, they embrace the true Jewish identity which fosters warmth, generosity of spirit and tolerance of a world rich in diversity.

SARA LANDA-WRUBLEWSKI
Bronte, NSW

INSPIRING INITIATIVE

AS a parent of three children at a Jewish dayschool and having just received my 2004 school fees (in the vicinity of \$38,000 after tax dollars), I was inspired to read the story about two philosophically different dayschools in Sydney seeking to unite.

VOX POP What is your New Year resolution?



More relaxation time.

JOHN ROTH
54, Company director



I don't make New Year's resolutions. I do a heshbon nefesh at Rosh Hashanah and then make my changes.

ANNAMARIE COHEN
35, student



When we open a door, we reveal every wall is a wall. Next year's mission is to expose and breach every limit.

RONI GURALNEK
23, Student architect



To keep my New Year's resolutions.

BOAS NOL
26, Shaliach



Not to over-indulge in my alcohol intake and to be more cool, calm and collected.

NIKKI WEINER
22, Investment banking



To try to commit to eat only kosher meat.

ELAN REUBEN
26, Health policy

NAOMIE SHELL



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26, Health policy

As a parent committed to giving my children a Jewish education, I have for some time been greatly concerned about the unnecessary duplication of resources in the Jewish dayschool system as each school goes about building its capital intensive infrastructure, the consequence being spiralling fees making it more and more unaffordable and unattainable for most sections of the community.

It has often been said that the philosophies of the various schools in the community are too far apart to make economic rationalism practical.

You can only imagine how thrilled I was to read one of the Sydney school's presidents state "that we have worked diligently to achieve agreement on the key issue of religious philosophy and it has been pleasing to see how small the differences are".

I applaud and commend this attitude and meeting of minds by these two schools in Sydney, one coming from an Orthodox perspective and the other a Progressive school.

RODNEY HORIN
Melbourne, Vic

LOSE/LOSE

I EMPATHISE with the altruism which clearly motivated many of your correspondents on the Mount Sinai-Emanuel issue (AJN 19/12/03).

In an ideal Jewish society, we would all enjoy a common core of belief and practice from which *Klal Israel* could only benefit.

However, we do not yet live in a messianic world, but in a very diverse community which has thus far and please God will continue to protect and foster the rights and obligations

to cater for children from different Jewish religio-cultural backgrounds.

Jewish dayschools already share resources in relation to curriculum and professional development. Their principals meet regularly to exchange ideas and ways by which all Jewish schools and their children can profit.

Such long-established and ongoing communal resource-sharing is a very different thing from having schools such as Mount Sinai College and Emanuel compromise the integrity of their very different religious convictions.

From a pragmatic educational viewpoint, I would not predict a win/win, but a lose/lose outcome.

Each school would lose its identity and students would lose theirs.

The religious ethos and primary *raison d'être* of each school would be so compromised as to become incapable offering of any meaningful program of Jewish education.

What is very special about the Sydney Jewish community is our capacity to accommodate and respect each other's differences and to protect, rather than suppress, our diversity.

To this end, Mount Sinai College needs to remain true to its Orthodox ethos and Emanuel School true to the principles of Progressive Judaism.

By all means, let's continue to share educational resources, but let's also continue to give the students of each school the distinctive Jewish education they deserve and to which each school has always been committed.

MORRIE FINBERG

Former deputy principal at Moriah College and Mount Sinai grandparent

TAKE ADVICE

THE community leadership displayed disunity and lack of imagination in the face of what is going to be a sustained campaign by Australian academic clones of Hanan Ashrawi.

Despite the plethora of legal advisers at the top of the community ladder, it appears that the easiest way to block the prize could have been legal invalidity forms.

I am surprised that the interim injunction wasn't issued on a number of jurisdictional grounds (corporate, common law, trade practice, false and misleading conduct) and anti-discrimination grounds, which is a difficult ask, as most of the grounds are based on federal law.

It appears that Justice Marcus Einfeld's suggestion that an inquiry is required with legal input is important.

MALCOLM BARR
Elsternwick, Vic

BIASED REPORTING

CONGRATULATIONS to the independent research which highlighted the biased reporting in the news media, including *The Age*.

It is incredible how society has become so oblivious to painting Israel as the aggressor. Most thinking people realise that anti-Israel sentiment is a screen for anti-Jewish sentiment.

So unrelenting has been this reporting that it is a direct cause of incitement to racial hatred against Jews and has arguably been the direct cause for massive antisemitism.

LENNY FARADAY
Caulfield, Vic

SPIRITUAL ISSUES

DR Mark Freedman expressed disgust (AJN 5/12/03) over *Monsieur Ibrahim* at the Festival of Jewish Cinema. I couldn't disagree more.

Monsieur Ibrahim, while over-sentimental, does try and engage with some really significant spiritual issues. The festival organisers should be congratulated for again giving Jewish Australians and cinema buffs a look at the many dimensions of Jewish life around the world.

BARRY CARR
Melbourne, Vic

THE RED CROSS

EACH year around this time I presume many of your readers receive a letter soliciting funds for the Red Cross. They may care to send them a reply similar to the one I sent:

Although Israel's humanitarian society meets all other conditions of membership, it has been excluded from the international movement, supposedly because since 1931 it has used the Star of David as its symbol. Its status has remained that of observer.

Only the red cross, the (Iranian) red lion and the red crescent symbols are recognised by the International Red Cross, for what can only be surmised as antisemitic/anti-Israeli reasons.

While the stated aims of the Red Cross are admirable, the reality of its actions contradicts those ideals.

While the Magen David Adom extends help to all those in need, Red Crescent ambulances have been documented as routinely transporting criminals on missions of murder.

The Red Cross continues to accept such behaviour and thereby con-

done and endorses these actions of the Red Crescent.

I will support the Red Cross when it demonstrates commitment to its stated principles of impartiality and universality by keeping politics out of humanitarian issues.

In the meantime, I suggest to AJN readers that whatever money they were going to donate to the Red Cross be donated instead to the UIA.

DR ANDREW GAL
Double Bay, NSW

THE ENEMY WITHIN?

LET me get this right. If you are an Israeli supporter of a two-state solution to the Middle East conflict, you are probably guilty of treason.

If you are an Australian Jew who was critical of the campaign against Dr Hanan Ashrawi receiving the Sydney Peace Prize, you are an "enemy within" and hate yourself into the bargain.

Thus Isi Leibler (AJN 12/12/03). In other words, if you are at all critical of actions by Jewish leaders, whether here or in Israel, you are not only wrong - but evil.

And the point about being wrong is that in normal circumstances, wrongs can be righted through negotiation and discussion, but evil can only be crushed, extirpated, smashed.

This is a clue as to why the Geneva Accord has met with hostility from Leibler on the one hand and from Hamas on the other. The accord is not just wrong, they are telling us, but evil.

As long as such attitudes rule, it will be impossible to find a path to relations between Israelis and Palestinians.

STEVE BROOK
Elwood, Vic

Affiliation will destroy what makes Emanuel special

VIEWPOINT



Not all Emanuel School parents are in favour of the school's proposed affiliation with Mount Sinai College. **Shira Sebban** presents an alternative view.

THE proposed Emanuel School-Mount Sinai College affiliation must not go ahead - unless the community wishes to lose a large proportion of the current Emanuel student population.

Such students will not just be lost to one school, but to the entire Jewish dayschool movement.

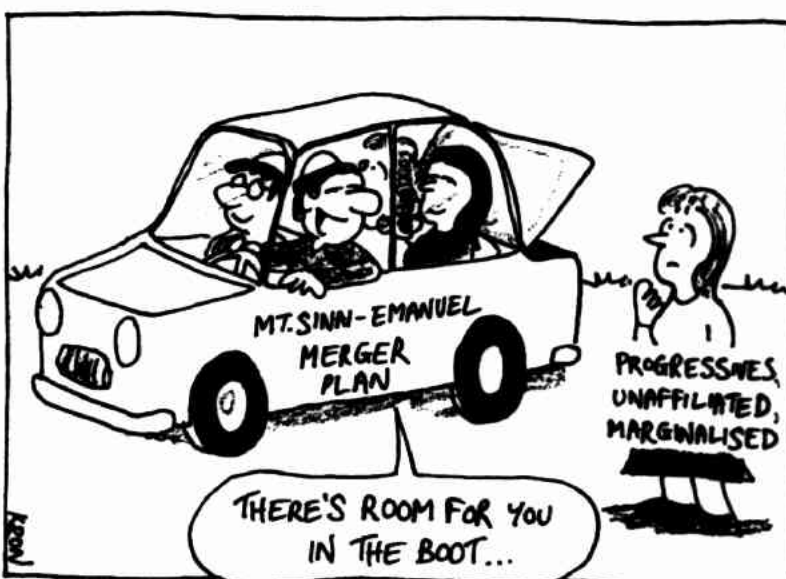
Contrary to popular perception, Emanuel is no longer a "progressive" institution, but an inclusive one, open to all in the community.

I choose to send my children there because I want them to obtain a Jewish education - but a Jewish education with a difference, which at present, only our school provides.

I want my children to learn about the richness of our Jewish tradition in all its forms; to gain a deep understanding of *Halacha* and Orthodoxy, while also learning about the different approaches to issues taken by the other movements in Judaism throughout our history.

In this way, I believe they will grow to be tolerant, thinking adults, aware of the complexities and struggles within our religion and ready to confront the choices in their own lives.

The community appears to have divided into three groups over the proposed affiliation with Mount Sinai - those with what I call a "strongly" Orthodox view (such as Rabbis Haim Perez and Selwyn Franklin and vari-



ous Mount Sinai parents); the "middle-of-the-roaders", who tend to attend an Orthodox shul and feel comfortable with Emanuel in its present form; and the Progressive, unaffiliated, and marginalised, who have flocked to Emanuel over the years because there is nowhere else for them to go for a Jewish education.

It is this last group that will be lost in the efforts to build a so-called "community" school - the very group for whom the school was built in the first place. And it is this group which will be lost to the Jewish dayschool movement altogether.

Obviously, the strongly Orthodox want a Modern Orthodox school from Years K-12 and will not settle for less.

That is why they are so worried about a Progressive stream in the high school. And that is why the two school boards will not be able to com-

promise much further on the provisions of the current Memorandum of Understanding or agreement in principle, which makes no allowances for Emanuel Primary School's current ethos.

While Rabbi Raymond Apple, together with Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins, have agreed to advise on the affiliation, Rabbi Franklin was right to point out at last week's public meeting that the Sydney Beth Din, of which Rabbi Apple is a member, already made a statement in the *Australian Jewish News* (12/12/03), in which it expressed satisfaction that "the primary school will maintain the Mount Sinai ethos", but has "serious concerns about the secondary school".

This then led the newspaper's editorial to advise the school not to specify that it will offer Progressive practices.

The Progressive, marginalised and unaffiliated will not accept the current Memorandum of Understanding. They want Rabbis Kamins, Jacqui Ninio and Allison Conyer accepted on campus; girls and boys able to lead major prayer services in the primary school; non-traditional gender roles at Kabbalat Shabbat services; boys not to have to wear a head covering at all times at school or to have to recite the Hebrew prayer thanking God for not having made them a woman and a Year 6 class on the different streams of Judaism.

In other words, they will never accept Mount Sinai's ethos.

The only ones who will feel comfortable with a Mount Sinai primary school and a high school with Orthodox and Progressive streams will be the "middle-of-the-roaders".

If this proposal goes ahead, an inclusive Jewish primary school will be turned into yet another Modern Orthodox institution, joining Moriah and Masada colleges, with Reddam House for those who want a little Judaism with a Lubavitch twist and Yeshiva College for the ultra-Orthodox. But where will those with a different philosophy go?

Shira Sebban is a mother of three young boys, two of whom will attend Emanuel School in 2004.

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Mt Sinai College is a gem; don't tarnish it

VIEWPOINT

RABBI DAVID FREILICH



I AM writing to express my overwhelming surprise and profound disappointment at receiving news of the proposed affiliation of Mount Sinai College with Emanuel School.

As the foundation rabbi of Mount Sinai College and as a member of a family which has been substantial and long-time benefactors of the school, I was, to say the least, hurt and dismayed to hear of this proposal only by way of chance through contacts in Sydney.

I would have thought I would have been afforded the opportunity to express my views on the affiliation before it became a virtual *fait accompli*. I am absolutely opposed to the proposal on the following grounds:

1. Mount Sinai College and Emanuel School were formed with the intent of promoting differing spiritual ideologies. This is embodied in their different constitutions. No matter what the rhetoric of this proposal, the two schools are premised on different foundations.
2. The *raison d'être* of Jewish education is to give pupils clear spiritual direction and guidelines. To create a school which, in fact, promotes mixed and conflicting spiritual messages fails in that objective.
3. Consideration should have been given to past pupils of Mount



Sinai College whose families deliberately chose the school because of its ideology. This proposed change could adversely affect their credentials and destroy their sense of continuity of tradition.

4. Some benefactors contributed to Mount Sinai College because they believed their donations were helping build a school devoted to the Jewish ideology as expressed in the constitution of the college. This proposed affiliation may cause some to reassess any future contributions, as well as encourage some to examine the congruence of such a merger with their past support of the college.

5. On a personal level, I was, as

Rabbi of Maroubra Synagogue, instrumental in encouraging the Kingsford-Maroubra Hebrew Congregation initially to allow Mount Sinai College to utilise the facilities of Maroubra Synagogue. I successfully persuaded them to provide initial vital funds, which they did in my honour all those years ago.

This encouragement to them by me was founded on the great advantage that Mount Sinai College would be to Maroubra Synagogue and to the community in general, due to the fact that Mount Sinai's ideology was in harmony with that of Maroubra Synagogue. This proposed merger is a betrayal

of that original understanding and commitment.

Mount Sinai College has a wonderful reputation throughout Australia. I get nachas when people praise it. Many of these people are not even aware of my involvement with it.

Mount Sinai College has been administered with responsibility, openness and integrity until now. It has been true to its ideology from its inception, yet has always fostered respect and understanding for other ideologies.

The school is a gem. Why now tarnish that gem? I realise that the Moriah College situation regarding high school entry has caused serious concern and has in large part led to this proposed merger.

I would, at the very least, ask that any decision in regard to this merger be delayed until there is an opportunity for full and open discussions and consultation, in which I would expect to be included. Other possible solutions to the current difficulties must be explored.

With every blessing for the continuity and well-being of Mount Sinai College.

Rabbi David Freilich is chief minister of the Perth Hebrew Congregation.

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Putting the case for Israel, but without propaganda

VIEWPOINT

ALAN DERSHOWITZ



I WROTE my book *The Case for Israel* primarily because of my disappointment at how ineffective most Israelis are in making their case.

Israelis are so busy arguing about how to make peace with security that too few of them pause to consider what impact this internal squabbling is having on Israel's standing in the world.

Advocates of Israel who represent the Israeli Government must necessarily make the case for that government's policies, rather than the case for Israel in general. Israeli opponents of the current government's policies spend most of their time attacking what they see as mistakes or miscalculations.

The reality is that the majority of Israelis agree with the basic case for Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state within secure and defensible boundaries, and with Israel's right to defend itself against terrorism by reasonable and proportional means.

The majority of Israelis also agree that the reason there is no Palestinian state is that since the beginning of the conflict, Palestinian leaders have been more interested in destroying the Jewish State than in creating a state of their own. They agree that Yasser Arafat, and his predecessor, Haj Amin al-Husseini, rarely missed an opportunity to miss an opportunity (as Abba Eban put it) and did not know how to take "yes" for an answer.

The majority of Israelis also agree that despite Israel's imperfections in human rights, no country facing comparable dangers has tried as hard to live within the rule of law. They also agree that Israel is the most democratic nation in the Middle East, with the



freest press, the greatest freedom of religion and the most freedom of speech and dissent.

Finally, they agree that although the plight of Israeli Arabs could and should be much improved, Israeli Arabs fare better than minorities in any country in the Middle East and in many parts of the world, as measured by any standards of health care, longevity, education and freedom.

Despite these realities, the consensus case for Israel is rarely put forward effectively by Israelis.

There are important exceptions, but for the most part Israelis are either making a case for the current government's policies or against the government's policies, without beginning by stating what to them is obvious, but what to the world is often not understood: that nearly all Israelis agree with the fundamental case for Israel.

At a gathering of Harvard professors who care deeply about Israel, but who are often critical of the current government's policies, I suggested the

following approach to discussions on college campuses.

Before professors indicate the 10 per cent of Israel's policies with which they disagree, they should briefly outline the 90 per cent of Israeli policies with which they, and virtually all reasonable people who care about Israel, agree.

I urged them to remember that the student audiences to whom they are speaking do not take for granted the 90 per cent and often hear only the 10 per cent.

I think the same is true for Israeli supporters of Israel.

There are a tiny number of Israelis who fundamentally disagree with Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state. They share the absurd views of Noam Chomsky, Edward Said and Tony Judt, calling for a binational single-state solution. This solution was tried in Lebanon, the former Yugoslavia and pre-Pakistan India. It always ended in disaster and often genocide.

The single-state solution for Israel

is a prescription for disaster and bloodshed. Yet some Israeli academics have jumped on this bandwagon to hell.

There are also Israeli academics who disagree with the 90 per cent consensus and who regard Israel's establishment as colonialist.

These misguided academics are entitled to their views, despite the fact that their status as Israelis serves as a megaphone for their dissenting positions: "Even an Israeli like [fill in the blank], believes Israel has no right to exist; therefore it must be true."

The upshot of these academic critics receiving disproportionate attention in terms of numbers is again to mislead the world into believing that these views are widespread within Israel. The fact that the majority of progressive and compassionate Israelis reject these views is often unknown to the wider world.

What should be done? A non-partisan think-tank should be established in Israel to explore ways of making the consensus case for Israel more effectively.

This group should be free from interference from government and should feel no compulsion to defend any policies of that government. Its mandate would be to make the broad consensus case for Israel. Its job would not be public relations, propaganda or hasbarah.

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JERUSALEM POST

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Jewish news in 2003

IT'S been a year in which the news affecting the Sydney Jewish community has been relentless, but dominated by three issues – the Yeshiva, Hanan Ashrawi and the upsurge in antisemitism and anti-Israel sentiment, both on the international scene and domestically. This selection of front pages reflects some of the major issues of 2003 in chronological order, with the exception of the November 7 edition (top right), which reported on the most contentious issue of the year.



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Ashrawi flies into storm



FAR FROM THE LOBBY - AN OFFICER APPEALS FROM BAGHDAD

COINED: Mrs. Ashrawi, an Australian-born officer in the Israeli Defense Forces, has flown into a storm of controversy after she was appointed to a senior position in the Israeli government.

According to the report, Ashrawi is a senior officer in the Israeli Defense Forces and has been appointed to a senior position in the Israeli government. She is the first woman to hold this position.

The appointment has caused controversy because of her background and her role in the Israeli government. Some people believe that she is a member of the Israeli lobby and that her appointment is a result of political pressure.

Ashrawi has responded to the controversy by stating that she is a professional and that her appointment is based on her qualifications. She has also stated that she is not a member of the Israeli lobby.

Federal Government moves to ban Hamas

MECHANISMS

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has moved to ban Hamas, the Palestinian militant group, from Australia. The move is part of a broader effort to combat terrorism and to support the peace process in the Middle East.

The government has announced that it will ban Hamas from Australia and that it will freeze the assets of any individuals or organizations that are associated with Hamas. The ban will apply to all levels of government and to all sectors of the economy.

The move has been welcomed by many people in the Jewish community and by many people in the broader Australian community. It is seen as a strong statement of support for the peace process and of opposition to terrorism.

Yeshiva ordered to pay \$15m

TEEN

A Yeshiva community has been ordered to pay \$15 million in damages to a teenager who was injured in a fire at the Yeshiva's shul. The court ruled that the Yeshiva was negligent in its failure to maintain the shul properly.

The teenager was injured when a fire broke out in the shul. The fire caused significant damage to the shul and to the teenager's injuries. The court found that the Yeshiva was responsible for the fire and that it was negligent in its failure to maintain the shul properly.

The Yeshiva has appealed the court's decision and is currently fighting the case in court. The case is expected to be heard in the near future.

Landmark ruling against Toben

TEEN

A landmark ruling has been handed down in a case against the Toben family. The court has ruled that the Toben family is responsible for the appointment of a new leader to the Yeshiva community.

The case involved the appointment of a new leader to the Yeshiva community. The Toben family was accused of interfering with the process and of appointing a leader who was not qualified for the position.

The court found that the Toben family was responsible for the appointment and that it was negligent in its failure to maintain the shul properly. The court ordered the Toben family to pay damages to the Yeshiva community.

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Yeshiva College – Enrolments 2004

The new Board of Management of Yeshiva College is proud to announce that enrolments for the 2004 year are now open.

The Yeshiva College campus, known as a friendly and caring environment, offers Pre-School, Primary School and High School and will soon be offering Long Day Care facilities.

With a new Management team in place, led by our new College Principal Rabbi Yehuda Spielman, and through our dedicated and caring Teaching staff, Yeshiva College is ready to nurture and develop your child's future in a true orthodox environment.

Our students' recent results in both the Higher School Certificate and School Certificate are testimony to the excellence in Secular and Jewish studies that the School is currently achieving, and demonstrates the incredible foundation that the College has to work with.

Join the family of Yeshiva, and allow your child to experience a most balanced and caring environment any school can offer.

For all enquiries, please contact Linda Bermeister on 9388 2600 or email linda_yeshiva@hotmail.com

The President and Board of Yeshiva College together with staff and parents wish a hearty mazaltov to all of our Class of 2004 for their outstanding HSC results.

Outstanding individual achievements from the Girls High School were as follows:-

Miriam Gutnick	UAI	99.90	Dux
Chemda Klein	UAI	98.60	
Emily Gitelman	UAI	98.15	
Devorah Leah Milecki	UAI	96.50	

Miriam Gutnick also topped the State in both Classical Hebrew and Classical Hebrew Extension

Yeshiva Girls High School was ranked 34th in the State with respect to Mathematics and 59th with respect to English, and in general, the results were also highlighted by the following:-

Advanced English had 22% of our students scoring in band 6 (top band)
2 Unit Mathematics had 100% of our students scoring in band 6
Extension 1 Mathematics had 33% of our students scoring in band 6
Modern History had 27% of our students scoring in band 6
Modern History Extension had 25% of our students scoring in band 6
Biology had 33% of our students scoring in band 6
Chemistry had 50% of our students scoring in band 6
Visual Arts had 75% of our students in the top 2 bands

Outstanding individual achievements from the Boys High School were as follows:-

Shlomo Blasenstein	UAI	92.75	Dux
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In addition, the overall results of the Boys High School were well above the State average in following subjects :-

Business Studies	Chemistry
Mathematics – 2 unit	Classical Hebrew – 2 unit
Classical Hebrew – 3 unit	Modern Hebrew

Stephen Fry, larger than life

JACQUI GAL

STEPHEN Fry's *Bright Young Things* is technically a low-budget film, but you'd never know it.

From the opening scenes, this period drama dazzles the senses with an opulent display of sequined glitz, daring colours, music and fast living.

If that strikes you as impressive, meet the man behind it.

Actor, author, comedian and now director, Fry is larger than life – both in stature and creative talent.

Known to British audiences for his work with Hugh Laurie in *A Bit of Fry and Laurie* in the 1980s, he went on to make TV appearances in *The Young Ones*, roles on *Black Adder* (with Roland Atkinson), and films such as *Peter's Friends*, *A Civil Action*, *Gosford Park*, *Wilde* and recently, *Le Divorce*.

In addition to all that, he writes – newspaper columns, a handful of novels and an autobiography so far.

Ask which he prefers and he is torn. "What I most enjoy is the thing I'm not doing at the time," he tells the *Australian Jewish News* with a chuckle.

"If I'm writing a book, I'm thinking 'Oh God, I'm staring at the screen, I can't think of anything, everything I write is bollocks, I hate it, it's not working, I could be on a film set!'"

"You know, car picks me up in the morning, sit back, read the papers, go into a trailer, someone's laid out a costume, climb into it, go into make-up, have my face played with and sit around bantering with other actors."

"Say a few lines, an amusing scene and then back to my trailer and watch television for a few hours while they light the next scene. What fun that is! And here I am, having to write."

"Of course, the minute you're on a film set, you think 'It's six in the morning, I'm cold, it's horrible, I have to do what I'm told. I can't do anything, I'm stuck here and I've got another six weeks of this, everyday!'"

"I could be at home in a dressing gown, wandering around thinking 'yes, shall I write a sentence?'"

"But the fact is, they satisfy two sides of me – one where I can be master of my own universe and the other that wants to be part of a team."

Approached to direct and write the screenplay for *Bright Young Things*, based on Evelyn Waugh's *Vile Bodies*, Fry employed a team of actors who included fresh-faced leads as well as a host of well-known cameos.

Dan Aykroyd, Stockard Channing



Stephen Campbell Moore as Adam Symes and Emily Mortimer as Nina Blount in Stephen Fry's *Bright Young Things*.

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"It's important in films not to write an essay on the screen. You don't dictate a single message, but unquestionably part of the texture of the film is that here is a group of people hav-

more important than Iraq.

"Here is Israel at risk of being destroyed. Here is terrorism of a kind that we don't even begin to grasp, continuing to take place around the world and who knows where it will be next?"

"What people will it strike? Will it be Disneyland? It's horrifying to

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STEPHEN FRY

Director, screenwriter, *Bright Young Things*

spirit of the young people, their language, their style, their way with each other and the arc of the story – which is one of crashing and burning.

"One couldn't be true to the story, anyway. Waugh wrote it in 1930, but set in the future, which is a tricky concept."

"He imagined this world war in 1934 that ended everything. Money didn't mean anything and civilisation had come to an end. In reality, there was a world war that nearly ended civilisation, but that was later, and things picked up from it eventually."

Dominated by comedic banter and

ing fun, oblivious to the world around them.

"Europe was going up in flames. There was Mussolini, Hitler, the Spanish Civil War, Stalin in Russia and here the young things – whose older brothers and fathers had fought in World War I – were doing was snorting coke, drinking absinthe, driving fast cars and having fun."

"They had no sense of politics, of responsibility. And we are guilty of a similar thing. In our celebrity-obsessed world, the Hilton sisters are

imagine, and as Jews, what do we think about our place in the world? We hear from our grandparents about the terrible times in Europe and thinking 'Well, thank God that's over'. But you think 'Well, is it over?'"

Fry describes his father's family as more English than the English, but his maternal grandmother was an Austrian Jew and his grandfather, a Hungarian, the only one of five siblings to survive the Holocaust.

He didn't receive much Jewish education, but "as a schoolboy in an

English private school I tried hard to get days off when it was Purim and things like that". It never worked.

"I've been to a few seder nights, but I didn't have a bar mitzvah, so I can't get much beyond *Baruch ata Adonai* and a few songs about goats and *zuzim* to sing at Pesach."

"I'm not very frum, but I had the relevant bits snipped off by a nice mohel. So the bris was there."

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Returning to Sydney to promote *Bright Young Things*, Fry first came to Australia 20 years ago on a comedy tour with Emma Thompson and Hugh Laurie. It was here that he learned to eat.

"I'd never tasted food like it. The fusion stuff, the fish you have. It wasn't just that, it was the attitude to food."

"In England when I grew up, food was just not talked about. At boarding-school or at Cambridge, you'd eat kebabs. If you wanted to eat grandly, you'd go to the Savoy or the Ritz – hotels with 300 waiters per person. They'd lift silver cloches, and there would be the food – 'Voilà monsieur!'"

"And you, with a huge napkin spread across your lap feeling guilty at eating it, and everything with a long French name like *Crème de Timbale de Roe Vie de l'etcetera*. It was all very intimidating."

"So to come to a country where food was cheap and plentiful, but not processed; where food was celebrated, loved and wine was drunk, but not as 'Would sir like to taste the wine? This Bordeaux? This Chenin Blanc, 1982?; it was a time when you could just celebrate."

"Here we were getting Wolf Blass and Penfold's Grange Hermitage for under \$15 bottle. I got to eat with abandon, not feel I was a Roman emperor, just someone enjoying their food."

He adds with a knowing wink: "You know, food is important, coming from a Jewish family. You know, 'Eat! Eat!' It matters."

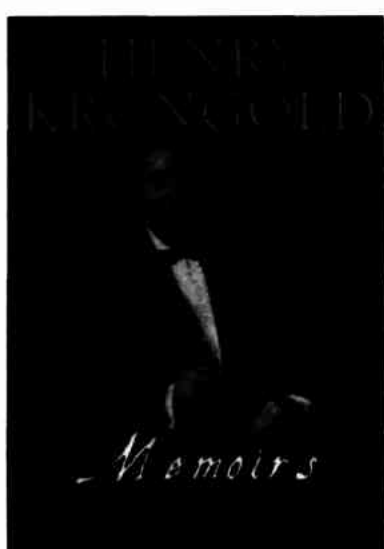
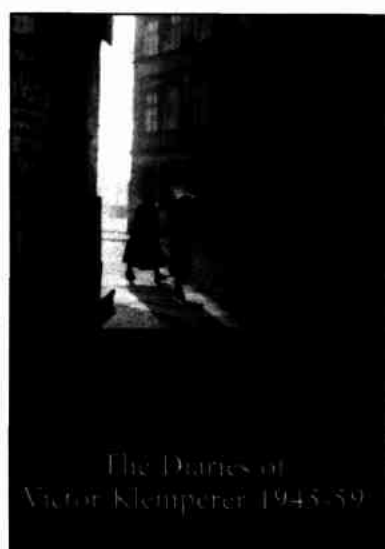
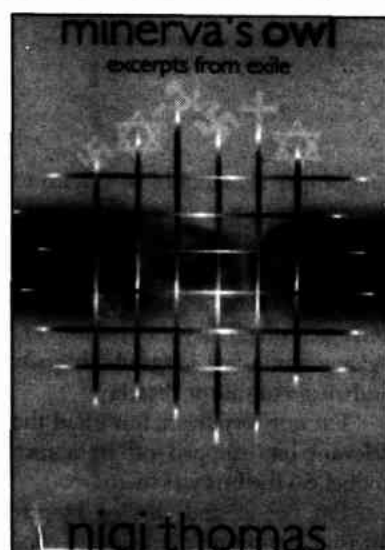
Bright Young Things is now screening at Sydney cinemas.



Stephen Fry, screenwriter, director and executive producer of *Bright Young Things*.



Stephen Campbell Moore, Fenella Woolgar, Nina Blount and Michael Sheen in *Bright Young Things*.



Life stories told from many angles

MINERVA'S OWL

Niggi Thomas
Indra Publishing, \$24.95

MUCH more than a simple biography, this discussion of the life of Czech revolutionary Karel Goliath-Gorovsky, crosses literary genres to explore ideas powerfully.

At first I thought I was in for another story about an Australian exploring her European past, but Thomas goes further as she explores the life of her grandfather with a midrash-like flight of the imagination about his namesake Goliath, abstract reflections and sharp observation.

The commonplace themes are there, but they are handled originally and give us a history not only reflected upon but refracted in many directions.

THE LESSER EVIL: THE DIARIES OF VICTOR KLEMPERER 1945-59

Allen & Unwin, \$69.95

VICTOR Klemperer's first two volumes of diaries are important documents by a Holocaust survivor who is also a well-known academic.

This third volume exploring the post-war period takes us into a history that is less-thoroughly explored by other writers as Klemperer returns to his home in post-war Dresden, resumes his academic career and becomes an East German communist.

In the post-Cold War era it has the potential to be particularly telling, but the reading is hard going and over-detailed so it will only be embraced by deeply committed readers of history.

FOOTNOTE TO A DREAM

Benny Michel
Self published, \$30

FORMER South Africans will be interested in this self-published autobiography of a man who became well known as a musician and entertainer within their community.

Many will remember Benny Michel on the clarinet, organ or saxophone, particularly at a time when the lack of television in South Africa and its closed borders promoted prominence for home-grown culture.

Michel is no writer, but he tells his story of migration from Lithuania and success in South Africa in a straightforward, unpretentious style.

At more than 400 pages, this book could have done with some editing.

HENRY KRONGOLD: MEMOIRS

James Mitchell
Allen & Unwin, \$45

THE story of Krongold's life is written in a direct style that is crisply edited, divided into bite-size sections and well presented.

Krongold's story is the familiar rags-to-riches tale of a World War II refugee who makes it as a successful businessman and returns the favour with generous philanthropy.

His Jewish context is not only acknowledged but celebrated as a key part of his life, which makes it a warming story to Jewish readers.

The book was completed just before Krongold's death and stands as a fine tribute to his life.

MY TWO LIVES

Lotte Weiss
Sydney Jewish Museum, \$25

FOLLOWING in the footsteps of the highly successful "Write Your Story" program of the Makor Library in Melbourne, the Sydney Jewish Museum has launched its own personal history publishing program.

Lotte Weiss tells this story of life from her birth in Czechoslovakia through her deportation to Auschwitz, the death of her family and her migration initially to New Zealand and then to Australia.

This is a "witness" story which recounts the now-familiar horrors and struggles.

Reviews by A/JN literary editor Deborah Stone.

Orthodox women coming of age

BOOK REVIEW

ELANA SZTOKMAN

TRADITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE BAT MITZVAH

Edited by Ora Wiskind Elper
Urim Publications, \$49.95

THE bat mitzvah celebration, the classic Jewish coming-of-age ritual for girls that finally penetrated the Orthodox community some three decades ago, has recently taken on fresh and innovative dimensions.

Orthodox young women are often acknowledged in synagogue — sometimes giving a drasha (learned talk) at the end of services — and are reading from the Torah in increasing numbers at women's services.

The creativity drawn upon in Orthodox bat mitzvahs also offers wonderful additions to the traditional synagogue-centred bar mitzvah by incorporating such elements as art, dance, history study and voluntary work in the community.

The bat mitzvah movement is thus reconstructing the community's notions of what it means to enter the Jewish covenant.

Traditions and Celebrations for the Bat Mitzvah, an anthology translated from the Hebrew collected by the Matan Women's Institute for Torah Studies in Jerusalem, seeks to record some of these changes around bat-mitzvah in the Orthodox community.

Dr Bryna Levy, director of Matan's graduate program in biblical studies, writes that there is a "quiet revolution taking place today in classrooms and halls of study".



A bat mitzvah girl reads from the Torah.

Most of this book, like the Matan institution, is focused on women's learning. Questions posed by various writers include: Is it preferable that the bar/bat mitzvah give the drasha? Is teaching Torah to women permitted?

Many of these questions may hardly seem "revolutionary". Indeed, for women who have been studying Talmud at Orthodox institutions since the seventies, the inclusion of such questions may seem like a few steps backwards.

Jerusalem Rabbi Seth Farber echoes this sentiment in his very brief essay in which he comments: "Rather than asking 'may we', we should be asking, 'how can we not?'"

The book reflects the classic Orthodox "top-down" approach to social change, where all issues are presented with lengthy, well-footnoted analyses of centuries-old scholarly

writings, all in search of rabbinical approval.

The presumed avoidance of subjective aspects of "acceptable behaviour" seems to delegitimise the debate.

The reluctance of the Orthodox establishment to acknowledge the central role of conventional attitudes in the process of social change detracts significantly from the validity of the analysis.

Nonetheless, for those interested in the ways in which Orthodox women have been redefining Jewish learning, and bringing a female voice to the Jewish coming-of-age ritual, this fairly comprehensive volume brings together some of the central conversations taking place in the corridors of Orthodox establishments in our rapidly changing times.

Elana Sztokman is a Melbourne reviewer.

Israel's turbulent decade

BOOK REVIEW

DEBORAH STONE

DEATH AS A WAY OF LIFE: DISPATCHES FROM JERUSALEM

David Grossman
Bloomsbury Publishing, \$26.96

TEN years ago Israelis had more hope for peace than at any time in their history. Today perhaps they have less than ever before.

There are those, of course, who might say it was inevitable, those who opposed Oslo from the beginning, who saw only trouble in that symbolic Rabin-Arafat handshake on the White House lawn.

But for many who believed in Oslo, or were at least prepared to give it a chance, the loud "told-you-so" that the right has cried since the beginning of the Al-Aqsa Intifada is not answer enough.

David Grossman, a peacenik, was never going to turn around and say the hope was pointless. But he is too honest and reflective a writer not to confront the dissolution over the past decade.

In this book Grossman brings together a perspective on a decade. It is possible to trace his unwilling journey from hope to resignation in the opinion pieces which respond to the events of the last 10 years from Oslo to the assassination, from Barak to Sharon, from passionate advocacy for the Palestinian cause to engulfment in terror and the desperate attempt to hold on to a humane view of the enemy.

Not all the articles are concerned

with the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. A powerful piece written for the German newspaper *Die Zeit* on coming to terms with the Holocaust provides a strange counterbalance.

A sensitive essay gives an important historical dimension to the Pope's visit to Israel in March 2000.

But the dissolution of the peace process and the increase in terror is necessarily the focus and it makes depressing reading.

As a historical document, this is a very effective summary of the essential issues in the conflict over the past 10 years.

This is not objective history, if such a thing exists. Grossman is a strong, occasionally virulent commentator. His sarcastic attack on Ariel Sharon, entitled "Hail Caesar", will get a lot of backs up.

But he is also a deeply humane and sensitive writer and there is immense appeal in his direct approaches to Palestinians, embodied for example in an open letter to Palestinian leaders or to a Palestinian friend.

Many people who read this book won't agree with it at all. Others will be drawn to parts of Grossman's position but feel he goes too far. Some will embrace his perspective with wholehearted relief, knowing there are still Israelis for whom reason and humanity speak louder than fear or anger.

Deborah Stone is the A/JN literary editor.

Maccabi gallant in six-a-side

THE semifinals and finals of the six-a-side competition were held last week, with all three Maccabi teams reaching the semifinals.

The mixed team were down 5-1 at halftime, but caught up to 5-5 at the full-time whistle, thanks to great penalty kicks from Chad Karpes.

Neither of the teams could find the back of the net in the golden-goal extra-time, so it was down to a penalty shoot out. Maccabi lost by one to Legless Wonders.

In the women's competition the Blue team qualified second and the Whites fourth. It was 1 versus 4 and 2 versus 3, so the Whites had a hard game ahead as the opposition, Monophobics, had not lost a game. Maccabi fought well, but lost 3-0.

The Blue team played Coogee, who beat them in the semis of the winter comp. Lisa Aronstan scored the winning goal from a brilliant pass from Juliet Vesely.

The whole team played well, with Emma Redelman in defence keeping them out. Marissa Pollak, who had flown back from Israel that morning, got her feet moving and was running all over the field to mark a girl double her size and keep her out of the game.

Sharon Gale, Angela Gafen, Jenna Meyerson, Lisa Aronstan, Juliet Vesely all played well, but couldn't get the ball past the goalkeeper. Jackie Vilenky saved numerous attempts.

In the first five minutes the Monophobics got a breakaway ball and had three players coming down against the one from Maccabi, smashing the ball into goal to win the competition 1-0. The tournament was well run by the University of NSW.

MACCABI U18 KINGS' GRAND FINAL TRIUMPH



The Maccabi Under-18 Kings basketballers won their grand final in a thrilling match over the Vikings. Shaun Jankelowitz, Jono Symonds and Rael Shakenovsky shot well, and despite trailing at the break the team won 41-39 victory. From left: Jamin Heitner, Jeremy Rooz, Jono Symonds, Gil Asoulin, Shaun Jankelowitz, Rael Shakenovsky, Gavin Hammerslag.

Photo: Ingrid Shakenovsky



The Northside Maccabi Under-12 basketball team had a mixed year, fielding several new recruits who had never played. Coached by David Di Veroli, the team produced three well-earned draws in the later part of the season. From left: Aaron Hyman, Jake Bleier, Jacob Henegan, Stephanie Saper, Samantha Cowen, Aidan Alexander, Zac Goldberg. Absent: Rachel Visontay.

Mystery player coming for Sydney lawn bowls carnival

MIKE GOLLAND

A "MYSTERY" bowler will arrive in Sydney this week to compete in the 2nd Maccabi Australia Lawn Bowls Carnival, starting on Sunday at the Double Bay Club.

Carnival organising chairman Alan Rosenberg said the player is a replacement for a member of the South African team who withdrew due to a family health problem.

"The player is a multi-titleholder from South Africa. We have been asked not to reveal the name because the player's arrival is a surprise for relatives and friends," Rosenberg said.

The player will replace Ruven Kaplan, a member of the South Africa squad.

The carnival, organised by the NSW Maccabi Lawn Bowls Guild, starts on Sunday and runs until Sunday, January 4. Confirmed visiting South Africans are Bruno Kampel, Ian Bailin and Morrie Glick, who lives in Canada.

There has also been a late change in the NSW men's team after the decision by Rod Davies to pull out. Davies, one of Australian Jewry's most highly rated lawn bowlers,

suffered a stroke in June and is slowly regaining the form which took him to three Maccabiah Games.

Davies said seven days of bowls would be too much at this stage of his recovery. He would, however, be available as a substitute.

Selectors have named Double Bay Bowling Club president Eddie Fingret to take Davies' spot in the strong Sydney-based NSW line-up.

In a unique format, the visiting South Africans will be augmented by 12 expatriate South Africans in Sydney to make up a 16-player squad to face challenges in fours and pairs from NSW, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia composite teams which will include New Zealander Alistair Ritchie.

The women's division is a contest between NSW and Victoria.

NSW formations (fours): Louis Platus, Harry Black, Les Lilian, Alan Rosenberg; John Wineberg, Harry Stein (captain), Doug King, Harry Stern; David Carroll, John Rosen, Phil Michael, Phil Gordon Jr; Peter Goldman, Paul Brandon, Barrie Brickman, Eddie Fingret; Mike Golland, Tom Meyer, Paul Isenberg, Laurie Kern; (pairs): Stein-Stern, Black-Isenberg, Michael-Gordon Jr, Lilian-Rosenberg, Golland-Fingret, Wineberg-Carroll, Platus-Brickman, Rosen-King, Meyer-Kern.

Touch footballers in form

TOUCH FOOTBALL

MACCABI Men's 2 played The Bugs in a thrilling match. While Maccabi was short of players, it still managed to win the game 7-6, thanks to good set-ups from Igor Merkin and great footwork by Ben Glattstein. The try-scorers were: Ben Glattstein 4, Dean Cohen 2 and Yitzchak Berger 1.

The Shaker men had a tough match against the Whistle Blowers. Despite leading 1-0 for most of the first half and coming into the break at 1-1, the team fatigued in the second half to go down 9-2. A lack of interchange proved the difference, with several players unavailable, compared to a six-man bench for the opposition. Nathan Archie and Barry Meyerson were the try-scorers.

The Shaker women played a tough game against the Bondi Waverley Clan. With the scores locked at 1-1 for most of the game, the girls were victorious on the buzzer with Casey Vee, who had a great game, scoring the match-winner.

The other try came after excellent team ball-handling saw Tova Podjarski put it over the line.

The Maccabi women's team played an outstanding game against the Twerps. Despite going down 7-3, Maccabi toiled valiantly, playing one person down for the entire match.

The tries were scored by Lisa Schwarz, 2, and Lauren Broit.

In the mixed competition Maccabi played Waverley Rugby. After a close first half, Waverley proved too strong, winning 10-5. Lisa Schwarz scored 2, with David Goot, Yotam Hatzvi and Danny Glattstein scoring one each.

CRICKET

MACCABI lost the toss and was sent in to field in the hot conditions.

Maccabi secured an early breakthrough when Mark Brandon claimed a quick wicket in his first over. The opposition began to attack the bowling, to reach 2/96 after 20 overs.

But in the next 12 overs, Maccabi applied pressure, with accurate bowling from Michael Wertheim and Brett Pozniak. The opposition slumped to 7/130 after 32 overs.

The opposition had other ideas. The last batsmen held out, for the opposition to amass a respectable total of 269.

The wicket-takers for Maccabi were Wertheim, who claimed 5/43 off 12 overs; Pozniak, 2/53 off 16 overs; and Brandon, 2/70.

Maccabi will resume by chasing the total, needing a win before the holiday break.

Swimmers excell at NSW tourney

LAST weekend saw another strong showing by the depth of Jewish swimming talent, with 12 boys and six girls qualifying for the NSW Metropolitan Age Championships at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

Five finalists emerged from the elite competition.

David Schnabl (Cranbrook Eastern Edge) confirmed that he is Australia's highest-ranked Jewish age group swimmer, finishing second and picking up the silver medal for the 100 backstroke with impressive finals performances in the 100m freestyle, fly and open 200m backstroke, and showing his class by qualifying for the open 200m individual medley.

Joining him was David Goltsman (Platypus), who made the final in a very competitive field in the open 50m freestyle — the youngest finalist and the only school-age swimmer.

David and Moty Bergmann also excelled. David also qualified for the 100m and open 100m freestyle and 50m breaststroke.

Tunc Kaplan (Hills) rounded out the strong boys performances with an excellent 7th place in the 100m freestyle.

Among the girls, it was Jessica Davey (Bayside) who repeated her finals successes with a well-earned 7th in the 100m backstroke and 9th in the 100m breaststroke. She also qualified for the 100m fly and freestyle and open 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke. Anna Swan (Cranbrook Eastern Edge) rounded out the finalists with an impressive 9th place in the 100m fly final.

Speed and versatility were also demonstrated by top performers Shelley Barlin in the 100m freestyle and fly, open 50m freestyle, backstroke and fly; Greg Shein in the 100m fly, breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle; Zac Stein in the open 50m freestyle, 100m freestyle and open 100m freestyle and backstroke; Daniel Rifkin in the open 50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke and freestyle; Seby Iglia in the 100m fly, breaststroke and freestyle; Georgia Swan in the 100m freestyle and fly, open in the 50m backstroke; Shaun Klein in the 100m breaststroke and freestyle; Paul Khodor in the 100m freestyle and fly; and Sara Gentin in the 100m freestyle and breaststroke.

Also making the tough qualification times and putting in great performances were Michael Goldstein in the 100m freestyle, Danielle Goldberg in the 100m freestyle; Saul Dyne in the 100m breaststroke; and Barry Dubovski in the open 50m breaststroke.

Sorely missed was the talented David Rifkin, who has been competing overseas and, with brother Michael, meets the rest of the Australian team at the Pan-American Games in Chile this week.

Sport

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Maccabi
Kings triumph

SPORT 19



Swimmers excell
at NSW tourney

SPORT 19



Putting Australian sailing on the world map

DAVID WISEMAN

SHE wanted to work in sport, but working in a sport about which she knew nothing proved to be quite an ordeal.

Simone Green is the media and public relations co-Ordinator of Yachting Australia.

At 23 and with no-one beneath her on whom to rely, she has been entrusted with a level of responsibility that would not be the case if she had become involved in a higher-profile sport.

Graduating from Vaucluse High School at the end of 1998, Green enrolled for a Bachelor of Arts at the University of NSW, where she spent three years.

Facing the prospect of becoming a physical education teacher — which did not appeal to her — she did a one-year Advanced Diploma in Sports Marketing.

While there, she did placement at the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation.

On graduating, she looked around and after being knocked back, was finally given the nod by Yachting Australia.

"I knew nothing about the sport, the classes or even that it was an Olympic sport," she confessed.

Her task is to oversee media coverage, generate positive publicity about sailing and increase public awareness and knowledge of what is a minor sport.

"At the moment, we aren't pushing the bigger sports off the back page, but there is room there for our sport," she says.

It is a difficult assignment, however.

Even when Australia won two gold medals in sailing at the Sydney Olympics, the sport was still overshadowed by achievements in other



Simone Green ... at home in the yachting world.

sports.

"Although I don't organise events such as the Sydney to Hobart, I am actively involved in Yachting Australia's six annual national events," Green told the *Australian Jewish News*.

In terms of big-ticket sailing items, there are the Olympics and the World Championships.

The 2003 World Championships were held in Cadiz, Spain, with Australia finishing second in the medal

tally, just behind Britain.

In the process, Australia qualified craft for all 11 classes to be raced at the 2004 Olympics in Athens (currently one of only two countries to have done so).

Even though she didn't travel to Spain, Green's workload was punishing.

"I was starting work at 5am and working right through the day, doing radio interviews and talking to journalists."

Besides putting out press releases, she maintains the organisation's website, sends out a monthly e-newsletter and played a key role in the recent rebranding of Yachting Australia.

She won't be in Athens for the 2004 Olympics, but with the Games so close, preparations are well under way, and she's deeply involved.

"We are the first sport to name our Olympic representatives and we do so in February, so my workload

is starting to get heavy."

She enjoys playing sport, and has turned out for the Maccabi Basketball Club for the past 11 years.

Green is only doing what she does now because she believed in herself. Had she listened to all those who said it couldn't be done, it wouldn't have been done.

"There were those who said I couldn't work in sport because it was a hard industry to get into and I'm female; I am proving them all wrong and proud of it."

Looking back on a great year for Maccabi NSW

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

JEFF HOUSEMAN

THIS column marks the first of what will be a monthly feature in the *Australian Jewish News*.

I want to use this first one to take the opportunity to look back on 2003.

Maccabi NSW and its numerous clubs have been incredibly successful, both on and off the field, during the last year.

A number of clubs continue to grow both administratively and sporting-wise.

Then there are those clubs which are able to rely on the Maccabi office and our executive director, Mick Vasin.

We should strengthen and consolidate our present clubs, and if we are

able to form new ones, then that is a bonus.

Over the past 12 months we have seen:

1. A new logo. We will be working with the clubs to assist them with the change.

2. Changing our name from NSW Maccabi to Maccabi NSW.

3. Our numbers have continued to grow. Maccabi can now offer our members:

a) Maccabi Australian Games (MAGs)

b) Junior Carnival

c) JCC Games

d) Pan-American Games

e) Maccabiah Games

4. Northside Monash Soccer is coming back to the fold.

5. 5M tournaments continue to be a huge success. We are now looking to increase the sports to include cricket,

skiing and athletics.

6. Our major sponsor, the Hakoah Club, continues to be a great supporter.

7. The highlight of the year was our second Hall of Fame function. This was attended by 400 people and raised our profile in the community. It featured Australian butterfly swimming champion Susie O'Neill as guest speaker and inducted Tom York and Mike Wrublewski into the Maccabi Hall of Fame.

8. The annual awards night is always a great success, and the 2003 edition was no exception. This was again strongly supported by the clubs.

9. Auckland Junior Carnival is proceeding well. Many hours have been spent by team management in putting the squad together.

10. At our AGM we took the decision to revisit the constitution and

bring it into the 21st century.

Many hours have been spent in putting together a calendar for next year, and our members should receive this in the next week or so.

Our members continue to reap benefits from our Member's Card, which is sponsored by Rebel Sport, Vibe Hotels Australia and 1st Street Finance.

I would like to bring to your attention the following dates:

• February 25, 2004: The NSW Maccabi awards night with Sydney Kings and Australian Men's Olympic team head coach Brian Goorjian as guest speaker.

• January 16, 2005: Junior Carnival will be held in Sydney.

Have a happy and safe summer, and looking forward to a fantastic 2004.



Maccabi NSW president Jeff Houseman.



Teachers head to
Israeli summer school
LIFE 3



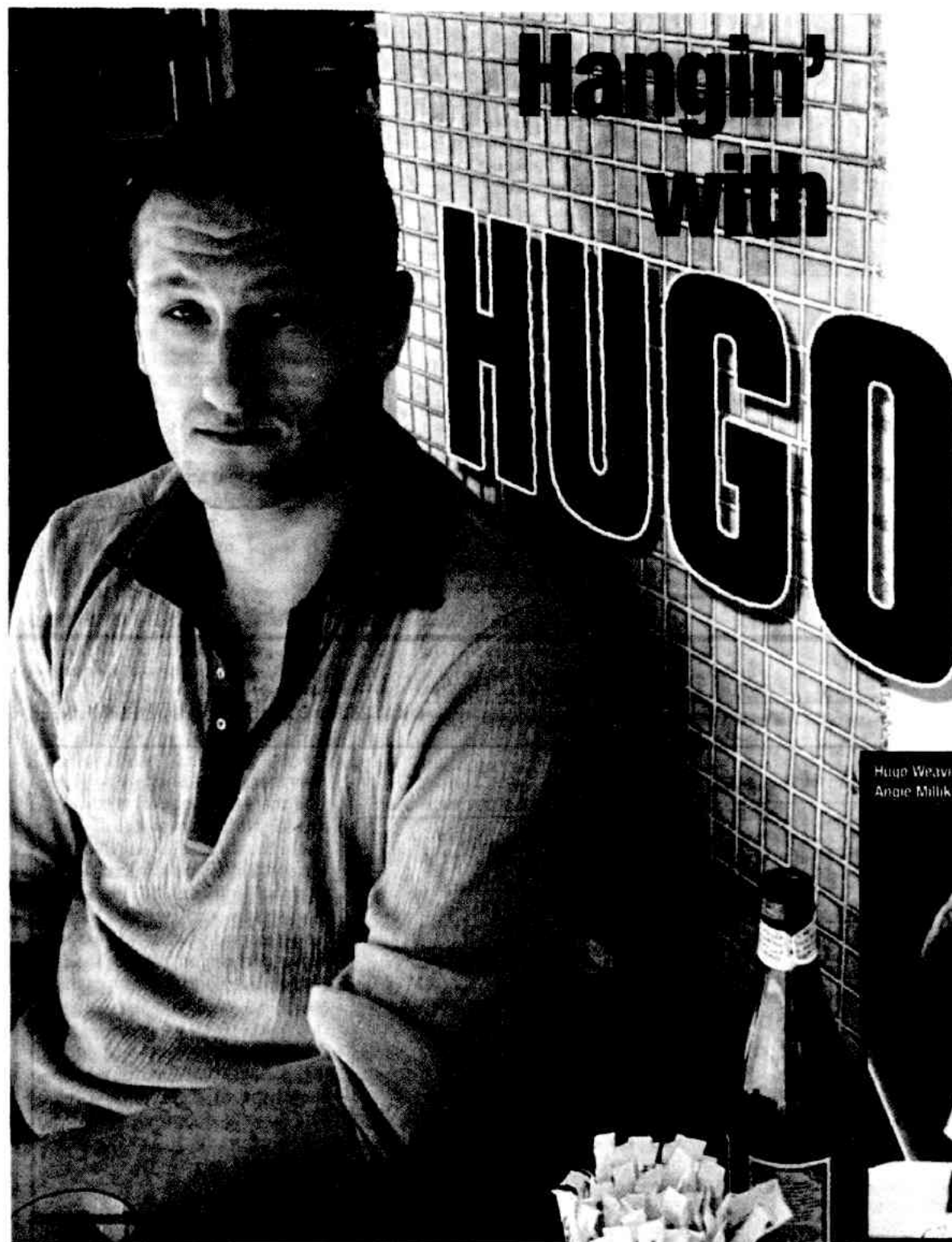
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SYDNEY Life

THIS WEEK IN THE COMMUNITY



Hangin' with

HUGO

NIDA graduate Josh Rosenthal's dream of becoming an actor proved to be the real thing.

JACQUI GAL reports.

NIDA graduate Josh Rosenthal had sworn off acting, preferring to dabble in business and advertising. But when the Melbourne-born actor - who coyly guards his age with great secrecy - decided to return to the theatre, he "walked into" a dream role with the Sydney Theatre Company (STC).

Tom Stoppard's *The Real Thing* features a stunning performance by Hugo Weaving and a strong cast including Angie Milliken, Heather Mitchell and Andrew Tighe.

Rosenthal describes his role as a Scottish political insurgent as "small but gutsy"; he appears in one scene in the second act. Time on stage notwithstanding, it's clear that a lot of preparation went into Rosenthal's performance.

"It's a hard accent to do and I worked very hard on it," he told the *Australian Jewish News*. "I tried to make it as thick as I could because the character is very rough and tumble

and he's meant to be Glaswegian."

This production of *The Real Thing*, directed by Robyn Nevin, was a sell-out run before it even opened. Rosenthal immediately saw it as a chance for great exposure.

"I really wanted to get this role because it had Hugo in it and a lot of people would see it."

"It's been like a big audition piece for me in a way, to get directors and producers to come and see me. I've now been talking to directors about a couple of big films for next year."

"I really wanted to get this role because it had Hugo in it and a lot of people would see it."

JOSHUA ROSENTHAL
Actor

Enjoying the experience of being on set with Weaving, Rosenthal says he spent weeks just watching the seasoned actor in rehearsals.

"Hugo is great, I have the deepest respect for him now. He's a warm, giving person and that comes across onstage. In this role, he's coming into his prime of acting now. He does it with such ease."

The Real Thing is Rosenthal's second production with the Sydney Theatre Company. His first was a Louis Nowra play, *The Jungle*, and he has appeared on TV shows including *Water Rats*, *Police Rescue* and *Home and Away* where he played a "bad guy" role. Now that he is firmly back in the thespian fold, Rosenthal couldn't be more delighted.

"I'm loving it, and I'm doing it for all the right reasons."

And what might those be?

"Because I want to. There's nothing better than turning up to work and being fully, perfectly happy."



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WHAT'S COOKING

DELIA & LANA RAIZON

It is traditional to eat fried foods on Chanukah, recalling the time, after the rededication of the Temple, that a one-day supply of oil burned in the Temple's menorah for eight days.

This recipe for jam doughnut muffins is as tasty as any fried delicacy, but with half the fat.



Jam doughnut muffins

Ingredients

2 cups self-raising flour, sifted
 1/2 cup caster sugar
 1/2 cup milk
 1/2 cup vegetable oil
 1 egg lightly beaten
 1 heaped teaspoon cinnamon
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 Strawberry or raspberry jam
 Icing sugar (sprinkled on top)

Icing

75 grams melted butter
 1/2 cup caster sugar
 1 heaped teaspoon cinnamon

Method

Preheat oven to 180. In a mixing bowl combine all ingredients. Stir with a metal fork, until just combined. Grease muffin tin and half fill with

mixture. Add 1/2 teaspoon of jam and then cover with more batter. Bake for 25-30 minutes until golden brown. Cool on wire rack. Stir icing ingredients together. While muffins are cooling drop a spoonful of icing on top of each muffin and gently spread with the back of a spoon. Allow icing to set, dust with icing sugar and serve. Makes 10.

FAMILY MATTERS

RABBI YAAKOV & TOBY LIEDER

Emotional Language

DURING a discussion about the meaning of love, one of the participants shared her frustration: "My sister's husband brings her flowers twice a week. He writes her the most wonderful love letters, and publicly praises her looks, dress and kindness. How come I can't squeeze, even five percent out of my husband? Is it a sign he does not love me?" she asked.

Being able to verbally express our emotions and feelings is like a command of a second language. It is a language that some of us were taught, or naturally picked up as we grew up. Others don't know or don't feel comfortable expressing it. Why? Some never heard their parents expressing compliments and love in public or at a young age were made fun of for expressing their feelings, or maybe it's just a lack of experience. Whatever the reason, we cannot judge whether we are being loved or not by the amount of flattering compliments or love notes we get, as people have different ways and talents about the way they express themselves. Some are good at verbal and/or written expression while others are weaker; some are only good at talking but not much at doing while others are good at both or none at all.

If our partner or our child is asking for verbal or written expression for love, and we are not naturally



gifted at it, we can still learn it. It is like all learnt behaviour. We can begin by writing in our diaries to tell our loved ones "I love you", and slowly build on it. Eventually we can look our partner or child in the eye and spend 10 minutes to verbally express how important they are in our life and how fortunate and lucky we are they are a part of our lives. We should be very specific on what good they have done, which has moved, touched and inspired us (yes, if you look for the good in others, you will find it).

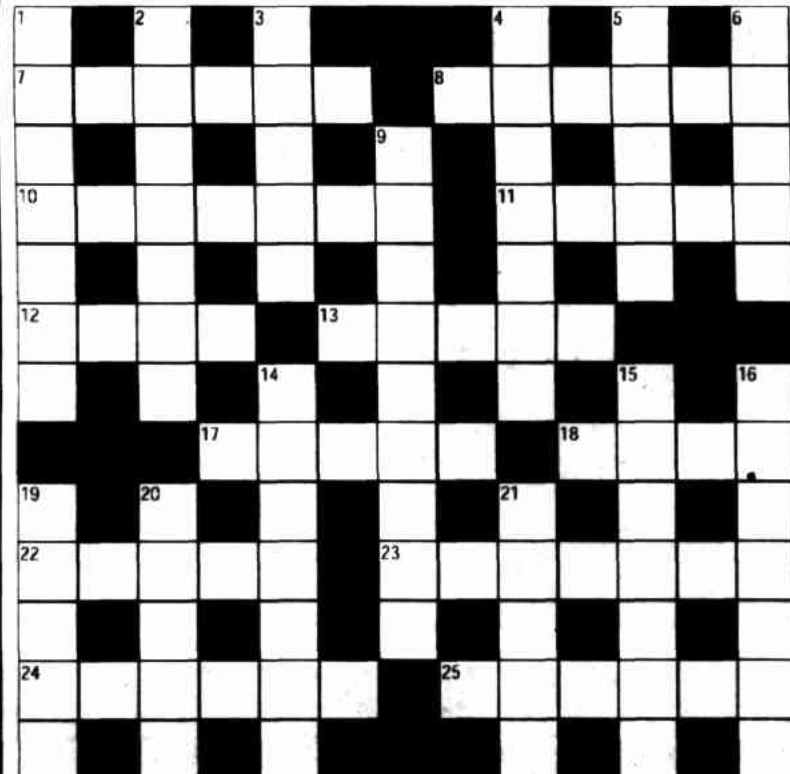
Ask your partner or child to be your coach; they should monitor how you are improving on your verbal expression and to give you positive reinforcements along the way. Put them on your team instead of being your opponent. Tell them that you are prepared to do everything you can in order to learn the skill of emotional language until it becomes second nature.

Try it, it works.

Rabbi and Mrs Lieder, who have 14 children, offer workshops and personal consultations on relationships and parenting. Inquiries: 0411 759 721. email: leadlife@optusnet.com.au

CROSSWORD + BRIDGE

CROSSWORD: COLIN SHUR BRIDGE: RON KLINGER



Across

- 7 A member of a strict Jewish sect which resisted Roman rule in Palestine (6)
 8 To wipe out (6)
 10 The mourners prayer (Hebrew) (7)
 11 The Great, recognised by the Romans as king of the Jews (Bible) (5)
 12 A nut (Hebrew) (4)
 13 A slanderous attack (5)
 17 A German wartime underwater craft (1-4)
 18 Father (Hebrew) (4)
 22 Any small tax or levy (5)
 23 To render legally void (7)
 24 It's a pity (Yiddish) (6)
 25 Social or professional position (6)

Down

- 1 One of the Jewish prophets (Old Testament) (7)
 2 A car with a metal or plastic roof (7)
 3 Severe abdominal pain (5)
 4 Tasty (Yiddish) (7)
 5 To disparage (5)
 6 Decompression sickness suffered by deep sea divers (5)
 9 Sparkling, effervescent, white wine (9)
 14 Proverbially makes the heart grow fonder (7)

- 15 To prevent or make unnecessary (7)
 16 Infantile (7)
 19 To prevent growth (5)
 20 The residual pieces left in a cheque book (5)
 21 An awkward clumsy person (Yiddish) (5)

Last week's answers for crossword.



Dealer East : Both vulnerable

WEST	EAST
♠ 2	♠ A Q J 8 7 3
♥ K 4	♥ A J
♦ K 10 8 3 2	♦ A 7 4
♣ A 9 4 3 2	♣ K 8

West	North	East	South
Rabbi	Norman	Ernie	Sam
-	-	1♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥ (1)	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥ (2)	Pass	6♦	All Pass

- (1) Cue-bid, first- or second-round control in hearts

- (2) Two key cards for diamonds, no ♦Q

Lead: ♠J

Rabbi W paused to consider his play. 'If the diamonds are 3-2,' he thought, 'I should have no troubles. I can play ♠A, ruff a spade, over to dummy and ruff a spade, back to dummy and ruff a third spade and by then, dummy's remaining spades should be high. I had better leave the ♠K in dummy as an entry.'

Rabbi W played low in dummy, Sam followed with the ♠Q and the ♠A won. Next came a low diamond to the ace and a low diamond back. South played the ♦Q on the second round, taken by the ♦K as North followed low. Rabbi W continued with the ♠2 to dummy's ♠A, followed by a low spade, ruffed. On this North discarded a low heart.

'Hmmm,' thought Rabbi W 'This may not be so easy after all.'

He continued with a club to the king and this time South showed out, pitching a heart. The ♠Q was led, covered by the ♠K, ruffed, and North again threw a

low heart.

This was the complete deal:

NORTH	WEST	EAST	SOUTH
♠ 6	♠ 2	♠ A Q J 8 7 3	♠ K 10 9 5 4
♥ Q 7 6 2	♥ K 4	♥ A J	♥ 10 9 8 5 3
♦ J 6 5	♦ K 10 8 3 2	♦ A 7 4	♦ Q 9
♣ J 10 7 6 5	♣ A 9 4 3 2	♣ K 8	♣ Q

The position after trick 7 looked like this, with Rabbi W having the lead in hand:

NORTH	WEST	EAST	SOUTH
♠ ---	♠ ---	♠ J 8 7	♠ 10 9
♥ Q 7	♥ K 4	♥ A J	♥ 10 9 8 5
♦ J	♦ K 10	♦ 7	♦ ---
♣ 10 7 6	♣ 9 4 3	♣ ---	♣ ---

Rabbi W now played the ♥4. His plan was to finesse the ♥J if Norman played second-hand-low. The ♥J would win and a low spade ruffed would allow declarer to cross to the ♥A and play spades from the top. North would score the ♦J, but no more.

Norman foiled this plan by rising with the ♥Q in front of dummy. Dummy's ♥A won, but

now there was a snag.

If the ♠J was played, throwing a club, Norman would ruff and lead a heart. As South still had the top spade the slam would fail.

If instead Rabbi W played a low spade and ruffed, North would discard. A club ruff would allow declarer to play a spade winner, but North would ruff this and West would be left with a club loser.

It did not take Rabbi W long to find the answer. After the ♥A, he played the ♠J and discarded the ♥K. If North discarded, the next spade would be ruffed. In fact, Norman ruffed the ♠J, but was stuck. A heart would give dummy the extra entry needed to ruff the last spade good and so Norman tried a low club. Declarer discarded a spade from dummy and won with the ♠9. A club was ruffed in dummy and declarer's last heart was discarded on the ♥J.

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Early childhood teachers head to Israeli summer school

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IN an Australian first, Jewish dayschool early childhood teachers will visit Israel next week as part of a professional development seminar aimed at improving preschool teaching.

Organised and sponsored by the Zionist Federation of Australia (ZFA) and the Jewish Agency, the 22 teachers – 12 from Melbourne, nine from Sydney and one from Perth – will spend two weeks in Jerusalem and meet with Israeli early childhood professionals. The program begins on December 23.

Lorraine Abraham, the executive director of ZFA, said the initiative was part of its "ongoing mandate to offer educational services and opportunities to Jewish education and educators in Australia".

She said the participants had already formed networks and had been communicating on a regular basis throughout the year. The teachers have attended pre-seminar workshops and video conferences and this end-of-year trip was a "natural progression", she said.

"What we're working on is that there'll be post-programming and throughout [2004] we will work with these networks to really bring back from Israel all the state-of-the-art, new directions in early childhood, Zionist, Jewish education."

Previously, the ZFA has sent primary and secondary teachers on professional develop-



Lorraine Abraham ... the teachers' trip to Israel is a "natural progression".

ment seminars to Israel; this is the first time it has been offered to early childhood teachers.

The ZFA runs a Jewish educators conference every two years – the last one, in August 2002, involved 110 participants and was the impetus for the current focus on early childhood Jewish education.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Maccabi-Hakoah Band premieres

Members of the Maccabi-Hakoah Band, made up of Yeshiva College and Mount Sinai College students, performed at the foundation meeting of the Australian Friends of Yiddish at Mandelbaum House.

Half-a-century of service honoured

LONG-TIME Centre on Ageing volunteer, Harry Cromer, 90, was presented with an award for 15 years of service. Arriving in Australia from Berlin in 1938, Cromer has spent over half-a-century volunteering for most Jewish communal organisations, including B'nai B'rith, UIA and JCA.



Harry Cromer being presented with an award by Suzi Phillips.

UPJ award for Ted Waxman

THE Union for Progressive Judaism awarded Ted Waxman the Vatik award. Joining Temple Emanuel in 1949, Waxman was elected to the board in 1975 and was president between 1983 and 1986. He is credited with establishing the administrative and educational infrastructure of the synagogue. For four years in the early 1990s he was president of the Australian and New Zealand Union for Progressive Judaism.



Ted Waxman

AROUND THE SHULS

JACQUI GAL jgal@jewishnews.net.au

Sheva to play the Central Coast

MEMBERS of the Central Coast Shalom Progressive Jewish Congregation are encouraged to attend a dinner and show with Israeli band Sheva at Ettalong Beach. The event will take place at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club on Friday, January 9, 2004. Inquiries: contact Eileen on 4332 1594.

Prize-giving at North Shore Synagogue

FAMILIES, friends and students at the North Shore Synagogue Sunday School recently gathered for the annual prize-giving ceremony.

A special presentation was made to outgoing Rabbi David Rogut in appreciation of his support and contribution.

Rebbetzin Vicky Rogut presented prizes and awards, with the major Rosalky Project prize for 2003 awarded to Ely Ravia.



Central Coast bar mitzvah boys Max Francis and Joshua Spigelman, with teachers Brian Green and Damien Green.

Double celebration for the Central Coast

THE Central Coast Shalom Congregation recently celebrated two bar mitzvahs in two months – an achievement for a community of just 25 families. Joshua Spigelman celebrated his bar mitzvah in Newcastle on October 16, in a ceremony officiated by Rabbi John Levi. Congregants and guests were joined by a number of relatives from

Camp Gan Israel

BOYS between the ages of seven and 12 are invited to join the Chabad Lubavitch day camp from January 5 to 9, 2004.

Games and activities will include swimming, boating, bowling and a trip to Imax cinemas.

There will also be an emphasis on Jewish learning from the aleph-bet to in-depth Torah study. Registration forms are available at 25 O'Brien Street, Bondi.

Inquiries: 8308 5539 or 0425 315 539.

Getting' down at Newtown

THE new time for the commencement of Friday night services at Newtown Synagogue is 7pm. Inquiries: Rabbi Levi Selwyn on 9550 1192, 0417 462 870 or newtownsynagogue@yahoo.com

B'nai B'rith Youth Organisation summer fun

B'nai B'rith Youth Organisation is running a three-day "journey" from December 28 to December 30, enjoying the best of Sydney's entertainment.

Included in the itinerary is a trip to Manly Water Works, the haunted tunnels at the old Quarantine Station, Homebush Aquatic Centre and indoor rock climbing. Evening activities include a house party, barbecue and a visit to St George Open Air Cinema.

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B'nai B'rith Youth Organisation youth advisers, back: Nicole Levenston, Kylie Morris, Maurice Cohen, Michelle Grossman; front: Ben Weinberg.

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Project Heritage at Moriah College

MORIAH College Year 6 students interviewed Living Historians and presented creative writing pieces, 3D models, biographies, websites, or choreographed dance performances, based on their lives. This year's Living Historians are Olga Horak, Peggy Wahlhaus, Bob Borowsky and Karl Maehrischel.

Photos: Eva Blanket



Miki Hendler with living historian Bob Borowsky and his wife Shirley Borowsky.

Masada's 2004 captains

CARLI Alman and Bryan Resnik were voted in as Masada College school captains for 2004 by the 12 college prefects. Next year, prefects will take on portfolios for the first time at the school. Bryan Resnik and Amy Savitz have taken on the charity portfolio, Benji Marks and Darryn Teperson have sport, Craig Meyerowitz and Antony Pinshaw are responsible for media, Jared Lazarus and Ryan Levin have Jewish studies/prayers, Ricky Isserow and Meytal Hollis take on chagim, Arran Schlosberg and Danielle Barton will be responsible for public relations, while Daniel Chaitow and Carli Alman have the activities/creative arts portfolio.

There are also five mentor prefects who will lead and guide the Year 10 students who work with pupils in the Primary School. They are Craig Shulman, Daniel Plit, Leigh Adler, Dean Horwitz and Andrea Cohen.



Emma Rapaport, Peggy Wahlhaus.



Bassia Dinnen, Olga Horak.



Incoming Masada captains Carli Alman and Bryan Resnik.

Chanukah at Academy BJE

PUPILS at Mosman Public School and Middle Harbour Public School enjoyed festive sessions of menorah-lighting, Chanukah songs and dreidel games.



Daniel and Isabella Helig Smith from Middle Harbour Public School.



Jake Blumberg, Naomi Baggar, Annabelle Casper and Jemma Dickman from Middle Harbour Public School.



Mosman Public School pupils Hannah Vogelmann and Samantha Ritchie.

Mount Sinai school captains



Principal Phil Roberts and deputy principal Garron Forman with Ari Tuch, Jacqui Narunsky, Shayni Notelovitz, Justin Katz, Stacy Maister, Ashley Feldman, Cayli Shubitz and Dean Friedlander.

End-of-year concert

HAPPY Kids Preschool and Long Day Care Centre held its annual end-of-year concert with pupils performing a medley of songs relating to different animals studied throughout the year, as well as Chanukah songs and songs about Judaism. A slideshow presentation was made available to the parents on CD and those in attendance feasted on a sausage sizzle and Chanukah doughnuts.

LIFE 7 More photos



Jacki and Rebecca Stock.

Photos: Jennifer Rice-Bosh



Lara, Linda and Javin Lotkin.



Rebekah, Gavin, Riley and Alyssa Markey.



Chaya Schapiro, Natasha Kessel, Rebecca Stock.



Lynn, Brian, Lara and Joshua Solomon.

Moriah Primary farewell dinner

PUPILS at Moriah College celebrated the end of their primary school career with dinner and dancing in the school gymnasium.

They were presented with a Moriah calculator, a graduation certificate and a copy of their yearbook.



Jonathan Moss, Leslie Landerer, Ashley Mazabow, Gareth Krost, Shannon Hurvitz, Shaun Meltzer, Sean Fleischer, Zac Rabin, Zachary Veksler, Brett Rosenberg, Joshua Gottlieb.

KIDS' STUFF



H EY kids! How is Chanukah so far? Have you made the latkes recipe yet? Did you send in your *Peter Pan* pictures? So much to do! For those of you who have not played the dreidel game you can make one today.

There will be no *Australian Jewish News* next week, so Kids' Stuff will be back on January 9, 2004, so look out for this page! Have fun, Miriam

Email
kids@jewishnews.net.au

WEIRD FACTS

- ✓ Certain frogs can be frozen solid, then thawed, and continue living.
- ✓ Kermit the Frog is left-handed.
- ✓ If you put a raisin in a glass of champagne, it will keep floating to the top and sinking to the bottom.
- ✓ The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds.
- ✓ The only 15-letter word that can be spelled with out repeating a letter is 'uncopyrightable'.



Dreidel games

EVEN though it is nearly the end of Chanukah, we couldn't forget to mention a few dreidel games to play. So here are the top two games you can play with a dreidel.



1. How long can you keep you dreidel spinning, or even better, how many dreidels can you spin all at once?
2. Each letter on the dreidel stands for a Hebrew word. The 4 words translate to mean

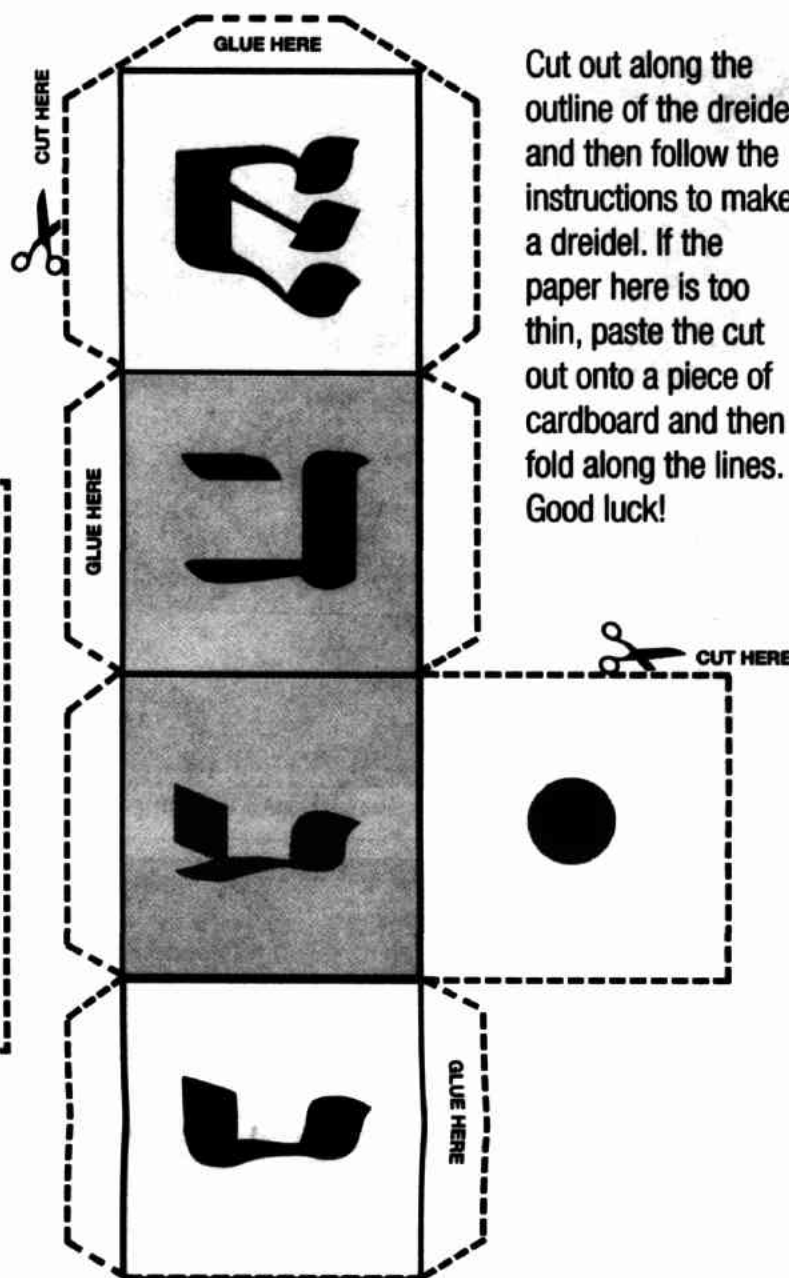
"A great miracle happened here". In this game each letter is worth a certain amount of points. You can play with lollies, raisins or coins. Each player puts one coin in the "pot", the centre of the game.

Then the players take turns spinning the dreidel. Whichever the letter the dreidel stops on determines your score:

- **Nun** means you neither win nor lose.
- **Gimel** means you take the whole pot.
- **Heh** means you take half the pot.
- **Shin** means you must put a coin in the pot.



MAKE YOURSELF A DREIDEL



Cut out along the outline of the dreidel and then follow the instructions to make a dreidel. If the paper here is too thin, paste the cut out onto a piece of cardboard and then fold along the lines. Good luck!

Kids in the kitchen for Chanukah

6-7 large potatoes
add some plain flour
very fine matzo meal
1 large egg
1 onion

salt
olive oil for frying
DIRECTIONS: Grate the potatoes and onion. Put in a big mixing bowl. Add an egg and a little bit of flour

and matzo meal to make it a good texture but not too thick. Add some salt. Once the mixture is ready, ask your mum and dad to help you at the stove. Put olive oil in frying pan.

Once the oil is hot add a table spoon of the mixture. You should be able to fit 3-4 latkes in the pan. Cook till golden and crisp. Sprinkle sugar on top. DELICIOUS!

Crossword Puzzle

R	T	M	E	N	O	R	A	H	J	N	L
S	H	T	V	B	L	P	G	A	E	U	J
R	U	S	T	Z	O	A	M	Y	Y	N	L
W	Z	Y	H	K	N	D	L	G	P	L	A
G	I	M	E	L	Y	R	W	O	S	P	S
C	B	W	A	U	J	E	I	G	H	T	E
Q	A	A	R	K	L	I	F	E	A	P	K
U	C	J	K	V	J	D	E	L	M	H	T
G	C	A	N	D	L	E	V	T	A	P	A
O	A	I	R	G	W	L	I	O	S	H	L
P	M	Q	Y	V	K	S	U	O	H	C	P
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Oil
Latkes
Kislev
Eight
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Maccabi
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Gimel
Hay
Nun
Shin
Maoz Tsur
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book reviews

ADARA, by Beatrice Gormley. (Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2002).

Adara, a young Israelite girl, creeps out of her town of Ramot-Gilead to watch the battle between the Israelite army of King Ahab and General Naaman of Aram.

She is captured, and becomes a slave in the household of Naaman.

When the general develops leprosy, she brings him to Elisha the Prophet in Samaria for help.

This novel, based on Kings II, Chapter 5, brings to life a slice of biblical history through the eyes of Adara, whose desire to have the freedom of a boy, to learn to read and write, to travel, leads her into adventure.

Recommended for Years 5-8. Reviewed by Risha Feiglin, Beth Rivkah Sec. Library.



80th Montefiore fete

The Montefiore Home 80th annual fete at Hunters Hill raised \$70,000.



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Barry and Alyssa Joseph.



Tamara Spigelman, Hayley Mednick.



Brian and Jocelyn Nebenzahl.

WIZO in focus

The Waverley Council function room was filled for the finale of WIZO's Woman in Focus competition.



WIZO Australia treasurer Maxine Klamet, WIZO Australia president Rony Bogner.



WIZO Ayelet winner Elaine Brown, Anita Fisher, Rae Stern, Maya Kogan.



Natan Kuchar entertains crowds with Israeli songs.



Esther Wakerman, Nilly Berger.



WIZO Ilana members, back: president Eva Streichler, Lili Agular, Janka Mansberg; front: Dora Velan, Leah Jacobs.



Vivian Gorney, Ann Schlesinger, Jackie Regos, Yvonne Doff.



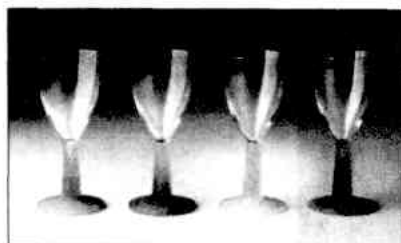
The 2003 competition winner, Jackie Frank, 2002 WIZO Man of the Year George Fisher, WIZO NSW president Gilla Liberman.



WIZO Tova members Kerri Adams, Di Simons, Natalie Simons, Belinda Selby and Marry Rosen.



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NSW UIA Women's Division

THE NSW United Israel Appeal Women's Division held a morning tea at Ruth and Robert Magid's home, where it adopted the Lev Chai level of commitment in order to align itself with UIA Women's Divisions internationally. The guest speakers were Netzer shaliach Ronen Krausz and UIA Young Leadership co-ordinator Einat Krausz.



Eva Cadry, Catherine Cunio, Miriam Bauer, UIA NSW chairman Penny Hurst, UIA Women's Division co-chair Judy Stromer, Eva Berger, UIA Women's Division co-chair Bev Michaelis.



Adele Swirsky, Edith Simblist-Pollak.



Guest speakers Ronen and Einat Krausz.



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משה

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SERVICES: Fri: Kabbalat Shabbat: 6.30pm. Shabbat: Shiur in Chassidic thought, 8.30am. Shacharit: 9.30am followed by Kiddush. Shiur in practical Halacha (half hour before Mincha). Mincha: (1 hour before concl. of Shabbat), followed by Seudat Shlishit. Maariv (at concl. of Shabbat).
WEEKLY SERVICES: Shacharit: Sun and public holiday 8.15am. Mon-Fri 6.30am. Mincha: Mon-Thurs 7.30pm. Fri. Mincha 6.30pm.

BET YOSEF - THE CARO SYNAGOGUE

243 Old South Head Road, Bondi NSW 2026
P.O. Box 308, Bondi Road, Bondi NSW 2026. Email: info@betyosef.org.au
President: Ivor David
Tel: 0403 348 327
Vice President: Mordechai Aaron
Tel: 0411 869 431
SERVICES:
Monday to Friday: Selichot: 5.30 a.m.
Shacharit: 6.15 a.m.
Sunday: Selichot: 6.30 a.m.
Shacharit: 7.30 a.m.
Shabbat Evening - Candle lighting time. Shabbat Shacharit - 8.30 a.m.
Mincha - 25 minutes before candle lighting time.

CENTRAL COAST KADIMAH JEWISH CONGREGATION

PO BOX 7016 Kariong 2250
Chairman: Rachel Harris
Tel: (02) 43402014
Email: Raharris4012@aol.com
Victor Barker, Service coordinator
Tel: 0243921995
Services twice monthly - Saturday morning service and lunch
at Green Point Community Hall and Shabbat evening services at private homes - For details of this phone Rachel Harris as above.

CENTRAL COAST SHALOM PROGRESSIVE JEWISH CONGREGATION

PO Box 8049, Tumbi Umbi, NSW 2261.
PRESIDENT: Sue-Anne Sanig.
Tel: (02) 4389 8854
Fax: 4389 8864
HON SEC: Eileen Canas.
Tel 4322 1594.
SERVICES: 2nd/4th Fridays at Banksia Family Centre, Sir Joseph Banks Drive. 7.30pm; other Shabbat services, ph for details.
Religion School: Sun 10am, Tel 4384 4392.

CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE

15 Bon Accord Avenue, Bondi Junction 2022,
PO Box 169, Bondi Rd, Bondi 2026.
Ph: 9389 5622, Fax: 9389 5418.
www.centralsynagogue.com.au
MINISTERS:
Rabbi Levi Wolff 9389 5622
Cantor Shimon Farkas 9389 5622
EDUCATIONAL
DIRECTOR/ASSOCIATE TO
RABBI: Shmil Atlas 9389 5622.
SERVICES: Mon to Thurs: Shacharit 6.30am, Mincha/Maariv 7.30pm. Fri: Shacharit 6.30am Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 6pm, Youth Service 6.15pm.
Sat: Shacharit 8.45am Children's service 10.30am,

Mincha/Seuda Shlishit/Maariv 7.45pm
Sun and Public
Holidays: Shacharit 7.30am, Maariv 7.30pm.
ADULT EDUCATION: Post shacharit breakfast shiur-Tue: 10.30-11.30am Talmud class 7.45-8.45pm mens/womens weekly class
HINENI: Central Synagogue Youth Movement. Sun: Juniors (grades 3-6) 3-5pm, Seniors (grades 7-11) 5-7pm.
Shaliach: Shmil Atlas: 9389 5622
Rosh Hineni Dara Podjarski: 0403 222 240
Senior Summer Camp: grades 7-12, Tue, Jan 6 - Thur, Jan 15, 2004. Inq: Ilana 0402 181 359.
SPARCS: Special Program for Arts and Culture for Seniors, Mon 11am-1pm. Phone office for details.
HOSPITAL VISITS: Please advise office.
Felix and Halina Gryff Library: Open hours for reading and research.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH HOUSE BOND

25 O'Brien Street, Bondi.
MINISTER: Rabbi Y. Ulman
9365 2777 (BH) 9365 4954 (AH)
SHABBAT SERVICES: All services at Chabad House, 25 O'Brien St, Bondi. Fri eve candle lighting, Sat 10am, Sat 1 hour before end of Shabbat; weekdays 7.30am, Sun/public holidays 8.30am. For other services (lectures and programs in English and the F.R.E.E (Russian) program, sick visits, etc, contact rabbi/secretary.

CHABAD DOUBLE BAY

The Adler Synagogue
Kiaora Rd, Double Bay.
MINISTER:
Rabbi Yanky Berger 9327 1644.
OFFICE: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm.
Sundays 10am-2pm.
SERVICES: Fri night 6.30pm, followed by heimishe kiddush; Sat morning 9.30am.
Wed 7.45-9.20pm weekly Torah night with Rabbi Berger: Talmud, learn to read Hebrew, women's issues, Bible & commentary. All welcome. Info 9327 1644.

COOGEE SYNAGOGUE

121 Brook Street, Coogee
PO Box 49 Coogee 2034
www.coogeesynagogue.org
Ph: 9315 8291.
RABBI: Elozer Gestetner
SEC: David Brem, 9662 7631.
SERVICES: Fri 6.30pm.
Shabbat. 9am.
LADIES' AUXILIARY: Mrs M Kovari 9327 2007.
SICK/HOSPITAL VISITS: Contact Herman Gutman 9130 8498 or rabbi.
COOGEE BATORY
KINDERGARTEN: 9664 1492.

CREMORNE SYNAGOGUE

12a Yeo St, Neutral Bay 2089.
PRESIDENT: Dr D Farbenblum.
RABBI S Cohen 9908 1853.
SERVICES: Kabbalat Shabbat, Fridays 6pm; Shabbat mornings; shiur with Rabbi Cohen, 8.30am, Shacharit & Mussaf 9am, kiddush after service. Afternoon: Mincha, Seudah Shlishit & Ma'ariv 5.30pm.
ADULT EDUCATION & POST BAR/BAT MITZVAH contact rabbi.
CHEDER CLASSES: Sun. 9am.
ADULT HEBREW CLASSES: Mon. 7pm. Chavura, Tues. 11am.
TANACH CLASSES: Thurs. 8pm.
LADIES' AUXILIARY:
president:
Marion Doobov 9427 2182.

DOVER HEIGHTS SHULE

Blake & Napier Sts, Dover Heights
MINISTER: Rabbi Motti Feldman
Ph 9371 8682.
PRESIDENT: Robert Gescheit,
Ph 9388 1701, 0418 266 487.

SERVICES: Fri 6.30pm followed by kiddush. Children's program. Sat 9.30am followed by kiddush. Children's program.
Mincha 30 mins prior to sunset.
Sun minyan 8-9am
Mincha/Ma'ariv 6.30pm.
Other details, check website: www.doverheightsshule.com

THE GREAT SYNAGOGUE

THE SHULE IN THE CITY
187A Elizabeth St, Sydney (near Park St)
Office: 166 Castlereagh St, Sydney
Phone: (02) 9267 2477
fax: (02) 9264 8871
Email: mailto:admin@greatsynagogue.org.au
Website: http://www.greatsynagogue.org.au
Regular activities: Women's Auxiliary, Friends in the Great Synagogue, Cheder, Bar/Batmitzvah classes, shiurim, adult courses, youth programs, business lunches weekly Oz Torah, Synagogue tours, A.M Rosenblum Jewish Museum, Rabbi L. A Falk Memorial Library.
Shabbat: Fri eve 6.15pm; Sat 8.45am; Torah 9.30am
Shabbat Mincha: in recess.
Weekdays: Mon & Thurs, 7am; Thurs and Fri 8am, evening services in recess.

KEHILLAT MASADA, ST IVES

9-15 Link Rd, St Ives.
MINISTER: Rabbi David Freedman
BA Hons, 9488 8266.
CANTOR: Ian Glass.
OFFICE: Mon.-Thurs. 9am-3pm. Fri 9am-1pm Tel: 9988 4417.
SERVICES: Mon.-Fri. Shacharit 6.30am, Sun & public holidays Shacharit 8.15am. Ma'ariv Sun-Thurs 7.30pm. Shabbat: Mincha and early Kabbalat Shabbat service 10 minutes after candle lighting (winter months) plus Main Shul Kabbalat Shabbat 6.30pm. Shacharit 9am. Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit, 1 hour 15 minutes before Shabbat ends. If a yom tov falls on Shabbat, please call the shul office for any change of time.
CHILDREN'S SERVICES: Fri. eve - weekly 6.45pm-7.30pm. Sat 10.30am-11.15am, age 3-7.
YOUTH SERVICE: Fri eve 6.30pm-high school and uni students.
MASADA MONTHLY MINYAN: Sun. morning Shacharit followed by breakfast for bar mitzvah boys, 8.15-9.15am.
ADULT EDUCATION/ SHIURIM: for details phone Synagogue office. BAR MITZVAH CLASSES: Mon. 4.30-5.45pm. For further details contact 9488 8266.
BIKUR CHOLIM: For hospital or home visits contact synagogue office: 9988 4417.

KEHILLAT MORIAH

Hugo Lowy Synagogue, Moriah College Queens Park Road, Queens Park (entry from Baronga Av gates).
MINISTER: Rabbi Dr Aryeh Solomon.
CHAZAN: David Shaw.
BAAL KOREH: R Grauman.
OFFICE: Mon-Fri 8am-4.30pm.
Telephone: 9387 3555. Email: rabbisolomon@moriah.nsw.edu.au
SERVICES: Mon-Fri Shacharit 8am, Friday 6.30pm Friday night service continues as normal throughout holidays. Shabbat morning: 9.30am. In recess until Sat, Jan 17, 2004. For information on Shabbat services, bar mitzvahs, anniversaries, weddings call 9387 8051.

MAROURBA SYNAGOGUE

635 Anzac Pde, Maroubra.
Phone: 9344 6095.
Fax: 9344 4298
Email: maroubra@bigpond.com
RABBI: Rabbi H Perez, 9344 0152.
ADMINISTRATOR: Ian Hart.

OFFICE HOURS: Mon to Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-3pm.
SERVICES: Mon, Thurs. & rosh chodesh 6.30am. Sun 8am.
SHABBAT: Fri 6pm, Shacharit 9am.
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit one hour before Shabbat ends. Children's services Fri eve weekly 6pm.
Maroubra monthly minyan: 3rd Sun of every month 8am for bar mitzvah boys followed by breakfast.
Bar mitzvah classes Mon 3.30-5.30pm.
ADULT EDUCATION: Wed 7.45pm For further details contact rabbi.
BIKKUR CHOLIM: for hospital or COUNSELLING: home visits contact rabbi.
LADIES' AUXILIARY: Contact synagogue office.
FRIENDSHIP CLUB: Contact synagogue office.
FUNCTION CENTRE AND HALL
HIRE: Contact synagogue office.

MIZRACHI SYNAGOGUE

339 Old South Head Rd, Bondi Mail to 101/60 Blair St, Nth Bondi 2026
www.mizrachi.org.au
OFFICE: 9365 3838
MINISTER: Rabbi M D Gutnick
9343 4247, 0411 757 372.
SERVICES: Shacharit: Sat 9am, Sun & public holidays 8am, Mon-Fri 6.30am. Fri Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 10 mins after candle lighting. Sat Mincha one hour before Shabbat ends.
SHIURIM: Please phone office or view website for current info.

MONTEFIORE HOME

Cyril Rosenbaum Synagogue
120 High St, Hunters Hill.
9879 2777
SERVICES: Fri Kabbalat Shabbat 4.30pm. Evening 6.30pm.
Shabbat 9am, Torah 9.30am, Kiddush follows service. Mincha 4.30pm. All Welcome.

NEWCASTLE SYNAGOGUE

122 Tyrrell St, Newcastle.
CONTACT: President David Gubbay
4952 9853 or Ruth Jacobs
4953 9798 / 0409 538 797.
SERVICES: Fri. 6.30pm. Second Sat of each month 9.30am.

NEWTOWN SYNAGOGUE

20 Georgina St, Newtown
Ph 9550 1192.
Email: info@newtownsynagogue.com
MINISTER: Rabbi Levi Selwyn
PRESIDENT: Toby Raphael
SERVICES: Thurs 7am
SHABBAT: Fri 6.30pm. Sat 9.30am Mincha/Maariv one hour & 10 minutes before end of Shabbat.
DISCUSSION GROUP: Tues 7.30pm Synagogue Hall.
SICK VISITS: Rabbi Levi Selwyn.

NORTH SHORE SYNAGOGUE

15 Treats Road, Lindfield.
MINISTER: Rabbi David Rogut
9416 4553.
OFFICE Manager: Dafna Orbach, phone 9416 3710, fax 9416 7659.
EMAIL: nss@bigpond.com
SERVICES: Fri, Dec 26, 6.30pm. Sat, Dec 27, 9.15am. Shabbat Children's service 10.30am. Mincha after Kiddush.
Bar mitzvah: Benjamin Singer Hosts: Esther and Ben Span.
EDUCATION: Yiddish for beginners every Wed 8pm.
REV KATZ LIBRARY: Mon to Thurs 9am-3.30pm. Fri 9am-1.30pm.

NORTH SHORE TEMPLE EMANUEL

28 Chatswood Ave, Chatswood
ph 9419 7011, fax 9413 1474
Email: nste@nste.org.au
RABBI: Rabbi Richard G Lampert, 9411 2075 (AH).
Rabbi Allison Conyer
0412 323 645.

SHABBAT TIMES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2003 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2003

Shabbat 26/27 December, 2003 - 2 Tevet 5764

Shabbat Chanuka: Miketz (Genesis 41: 1-44: 17; Num. 7:54-8:4; 1 Kings 7:40-50)
Shabbat begins Friday 7.49pm and ends Saturday 8.53pm
Chanukah ends Saturday eve (last candle: Friday eve before Shabbat candles)

CANTORIAL SOLOIST: Mr Benny Kaplinski, 9399 5753 (AH).
FACILITIES: Available for people with disabilities: ramp, wheelchair, hearing equipment.
SERVICES: Shabbat eve 6.30pm. Sat service, 10.30am
Bat mitzvah: Rachel Unterman.
SHALOM GROUP: (Senior Citizens Group) every Wed from 10am.
KINDERGARTEN: Administrator: Ms Sandy Kay. 9412 4839.
HEBREW SCHOOL:
B/M class: Sat 9am; Grades 1-4: Sun 9am-12.15pm; Grades 5 & 6: Sun 9am-12.15pm & Thurs 4.30-6pm; Post B/M Mon 4.30-6pm; Yr 8: Wed 4.30-6pm.
In recess.
NETZER: Every Sun. Years 3-6: 12.30-2pm; Years 7-12, 5-7pm.
Inq: Stanya Sharota, 0412 228 656.
ADULT EDUCATION: Mon from 10am study session- In Recess. Thur: 8.30pm: Introduction to Judaism - In recess. Sat, 9.15am: Parashat HaShavu'a - Torah study.

OR CHADASH MINYAN

56 Warners Ave, Bondi.
INFO: Tommy Sterling
Rabbi David Blackman
0404 000 660.

PARRAMATTA SYNAGOGUE

116 Victoria Road, Parramatta.
MINISTER: Rabbi S Di Veroli
0421 013 796.
PRESIDENT: Yoram Jovani
0411 376 496.
LADIES' GUILD CO-PRESIDENTS: Leah 0411 447 834, Sue 0417 687 820.
SERVICES: Shabbat: Fri 6.30pm, Sat 9am.
Info:
Rabbi Di Veroli 0421 013 796.
CHEDER: Sun 9am.

SEPHARDI SYNAGOGUE

40-44 Fletcher St, Woollahra 2025
Ph: 9389 3982.
SERVICES: Shacharit: weekdays 6.15am, Sun & holidays 8am. Sat 8.30am Mincha: daily and Fridays candle lighting time.
Seudah Shlishit half-an-hour before candle lighting time.
Further information and sick visits Rabbi Chriqui 9389 2717.
Secretary Gloria Meyer, 9389 3982 Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm.

THE SHTEIBEL

49 Bellevue Rd, Bellevue Hill.
RABBI: Michael Gourarie
9363 5543, 0425 242 456.

SOUTH HEAD & DISTRICT SYNAGOGUE

666 Old South Head Rd, Rose Bay, ph 9371 7300, fax 9371 7416.
Website: www.southhead.org
MINISTER: Rabbi B Milecki
9337 6775.
CHAZAN: Yehoshua Niasoff.
PRESIDENT: Dr. Sam Friedman.
HONORARY SEC: Mark Braham
9371 0517.
ADMINISTRATOR: Baron Revelman
OFFICE HOURS: Mon. to Thur: 9am-3pm, lunch 1-2pm. Fri. 9am-1pm. Sun 9am-12pm.
SERVICES: Shacharit: Mon to Fri, 6.45am, Sun and Public Holidays 8.00am. Fri: Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat 6.50pm, Mincha this week is at 6.30. Shabbat: Shacharit 8.45am, Rabbi's Shiur 7.00, Mincha 7.55pm followed by Seudah Shlishit and Maariv Children's services coincide with all services.
NECHAMA BIKKUR CHOLIM: Lorna Jacobson 9371 5786, Marlene Ryan 9371 4336, Mark Braham 9371 0517
NECHAMA BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:
Marlene Ryan 9371 4336,

Robert Schneider 9365 1712.
SOUTH HEAD KOLLEL: For men & women of all ages including father & son groups. Learn to follow the service, study Talmud, Maimonides or Chassidic philosophy, Mon & Wed 7.30-8.15pm and 8.30-9.15pm. Info: 9337 6775.
ADULT EDUCATION: Sun breakfast discussion & bagels 8.45am.
YOUTH SERVICE: Sat 10.30am.
BAR MITZVAH: Sat, Dec 27, Dean Rob.

SOUTHERN SYDNEY SYNAGOGUE

Cnr Railway Pde & Noble St, Allawah, 9587 5643. MINISTER: Rabbi Yosef Feldman 9546 6446.
PRESIDENT: David Samuels
9543 9014.
SERVICES: Fri 6.15pm, Sat 9am.
CHEDER: Sun 9am-12pm.
ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES: Info: contact rabbi or president.
FRIENDSHIP CLUB: Meets every Wed. 10am-2pm.
Info Shirley Baffsky 9588 1831.
WELFARE OFFICERS & SICK VISITS: Contact Dr George & Margaret Foster 9547 2371.

STRATHFIELD SYNAGOGUE

19 Florence St, Strathfield.
Tel/Fax: 9642 4803.
MINISTER: Rabbi Dr Samuel Tov-Lev.
PRESIDENT: Dr J Moses 9746 7021.
SERVICES: Fri 7pm. Shabbat 9.15am followed by kiddush.
CHILDREN'S EDUCATION: Yolanda Kramer kindergarten, 9am-3.30pm daily. Info 9642 3550.

THE CONGREGATION OF THE TEMPLE EMANUEL (KEHILLAT EMANUEL)

7 Ocean Street, Woollahra.
Tel: 9328 7833, Fax: 9327 8715.
Email: info@emanuel.org.au
PRESIDENT: Norbert Schweizer
RABBIS: Rabbi Jeffrey B Kamins, Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio.
CANTORS: Rev Michael Deutsch OAM, Joseph Toltz (director of pastoral care).
CANTORIAL SOLOIST: Nik Glass.
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Bryan Conyer.
OFFICE: Mon.-Thurs. 8.30am-5pm. Fri. 8.30am-2.30pm. Sun. 9am-12
SYNAGOGUE SERVICES:
Progressive: erev Shabbat 6.30pm. Shabbat morning service 10am.
Bar mitzvah: Sat, Jan 3, 2004
Joel Pearce. Bat mitzvah: Sat, Jan 10 Rose Benjamin-Taylor.
Sat: 9am Shabbat morning service.
Conservative - Shacharit: Mon & Thurs 6.45am.
CHILDREN'S EDUCATION. In recess until beginning of Feb.
BAR/BAT MITZVAH & TEEN CLASSES: Temple Office
9328 7833.
KINDERGARTEN:
Shelley Sacks 9363 1809.
ADULT EDUCATION: In recess until beginning of Feb.
NETZER (Progressive Zionist youth movement): Sun. Years 3-6, 12-1.30pm; Years 7-8, 3.30-5.30pm; Years 9-12, 6-8pm. Inq: Stanya Sharota, 0412 228 656.
Shalom Group: Wed 10am.
Friendship Club: Tues 10am.
BIKUR CHOLIM: Hospital or home visits and counselling, contact office, 9328 7833.

DEATH

With deep sorrow we announce
the passing of our much loved mother
Marie (Miriam) Baroukh

on December 16, 2003, aged 95
Deeply mourned and sadly missed
by her son **Bernard** and daughter-in-law **Maggy**,
sister **Vivian** and brother-in-law **Nicky**
grandchildren **André** and **Danielle**, **Michele** and **Kevin** and
great grandchildren **Valeska**, **Lauren**, **David** and **Alexander**
She will be greatly missed by nephews and nieces and all who knew her
We will love you always
Rest in peace

DEATH

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our much loved mother

Irene Engel

on December 14, 2003, aged 90
Devoted wife of **Walter** (dec'd), loved sister of **Litzi** (dec'd)
Deeply mourned and sadly missed by
her sons **Harry** and **Peter**,
daughter-in-law **Leone**
grandchildren **Bettina** and **Edward**, **Jodie** and **Adam**, **Simone** and **Steven**
and great-grandchildren **Miranda**, **Aiden** and **Bridget**
Missed and loved by **Rachel** and nephews **Ron** and **Bob**
A woman of worth

DEATH

Chana Esther Dina Giberstein
(née Milgram)

passed away peacefully December 21, 2003
Devoted wife of **Chanino** (dec'd)
Beloved mother of **Shula**, **Ory** and **Yafa**
Dear mother-in-law of **Alfi**, **Miriam** and **Manny**
Beloved grandmother of
Sam, **George**, **Fred**, **Rachel**, **Debora**, **Jeffrey**, **Bettina**, **Jeremy**, **Gabriela**
Great-grandmother of **Chanan**, **Jason**, **Sabrina**, **Pamina**, **Liam** and **Alan**

*A woman of great wisdom, courage and humour
Adored and respected by all her family and friends
and forever in their hearts*

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DEATH

With deep sadness we announce the passing of our beloved

Anna Jacopi-Garfagnini

after a long illness, borne with great courage and dignity
on Friday, December 19, 2003, in Italy

Devoted mother of **Andy**
Beloved mother-in-law of **Yaelle**
Adored Nonna of **Dani**, **Lia**, **Gina** and **Sara**

A minyan will be held on Tuesday, December 30, 2003 at 8pm
at 49, Wallangra Road, Dover Heights

DEATH

Connie Kagan

Beloved mother and grandmother passed away December 22, 2003
She will be cherished always by her children

Ghita and **Philip Lipshitz**
Noreen and **Julian Sher** (Perth)
Jonathan and **Patti Kagan** (Houston, Texas)
and grandchildren

Daniel, **Gideon**, **Benjamin**, **Jeremy**, **Tamara**, **Jennifer**, **Harry** and **Nathan**

DEATH

It is with deep sorrow we announce the passing of

Joseph Reuben Moalem

on December 17, 2003

Beloved son of **Girgee** and **Reuben Moalem** (dec'd)
Dearly loved brother of **Daniel**, **Louise** and brother-in-law to **Ruth**
Loving husband of **Una** (dec'd) and stepfather of **Jeannette** and her family
Uncle to **Jenny**, **Linda**, **Robby** and granduncle to **Ty**

*Always loved by all who knew him
He will be fondly remembered by his extended family here and overseas*

DEATH

With deepest sorrow we announce the passing of

Hilda Friend

on December 19, 2003, aged 100

Devoted wife of **Otto** (dec'd)
and sister of **Greil Gerber**, **Resl Hahn**, and **Hans Soltau** (all dec'd)
Loving mother of **John** and **Sarah**
Adoring grandmother of **Ariella**, **Danah**, and **Russell**
Great-grandmother of **Chloe**

Her strength of character and zest for life will never be forgotten

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of the late

Israel Wine

who passed away on
December 30, 1995 - Tevet 7, 5756
Always remembered and sadly missed
by his dear wife **Lola**,
sons and daughters-in-law
Albert and **Ruth**, **David** and **Marilyn**,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren
*His memory and good deeds
will live on forever*

DEATH

Cilla Geluda

on December 16, 2003, aged 92

Devoted wife of the late **Harry**
Sister-in-law of **Lonia Liebhauer**

Mourned by family members

CONDOLENCE

To **Andy**, **Yaelle**, **Dani**, **Lia**, **Gina** and **Sara**
our heartfelt condolences on the passing in Italy of your
beloved mother, mother-in-law and Nonna

Anna Garfagnini

She is finally with her beloved **Teodora**
Sadly missed and fondly remembered by
Les and **Auryt Jacobson**, **Nicci** and **Owen**

CONDOLENCE

Our deepest sympathy to
our cousins

Adam, **Vicky** and **Lara**
on the sad passing of their
father and grandfather

Stan Liberman

Henry and **Gilla**, **Michael**,
Talia, **Aliza** and **David**

CONDOLENCE

We extend our deepest sympathy to

Harry, **Peter** and families
on the sad passing of
their beloved mother

Irene Engel

Zita Evans
Greta Smith
Lilly and **Erika Fulop**
Bettina Streimer and family

DEATH

With deep sorrow
we announce the passing of

Belle Benjamin
(nee Segal)

in Melbourne on December 17, 2003
Much loved wife of **Syd** for 57 years
Much loved Mum of
Annis, **Graeme**, **Ivan** and **Dennis**
Loving mother-in-law and adored Nanna
A very special lady
who was loved by all

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Tel 9360 1600, Fax 9331-4712.
Email: mail@nswjbd.com
home page internet address:
www.nswjbd.org

- For all information on NSW Jewry, overseas Jewish organisations, Israel, Holocaust events and education and Jewish customs.
- If you are concerned about media bias, antisemitism or wish to report antisemitic incidents, contact the board.

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Woollahra 2025. Tel
1300 133 660, Fax 9302 8001.
Email: info@jewishcare.com.au.
North Shore Office: 2/77
Rosedale Rd, St Ives 2075. Tel:
9488 7100, Fax: 9488 7122.
Centre of social work and
community services. enquiries:
Mon.-Thurs. 9am-5pm/Fri. 9am-
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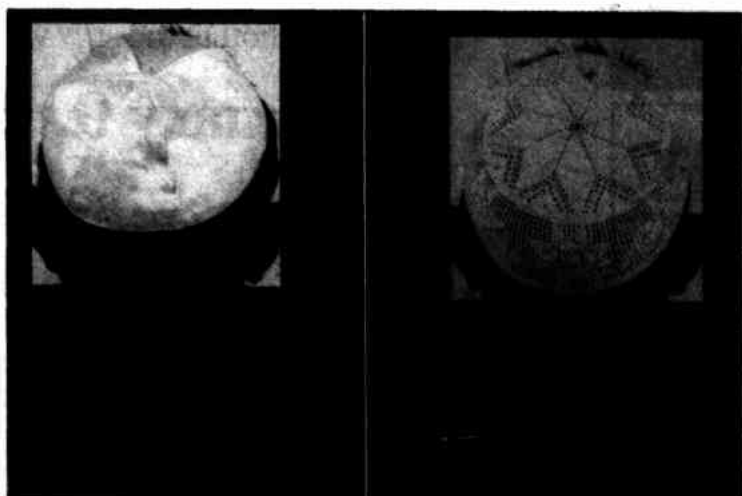
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Meetings 2nd Tues. of the
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AYELET: Sat, March 6, 8 pm-
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10.30am, first meeting Rosie
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What's on

PICK OF THE WEEK

Interfaith photo exhibition

JOINT Muslim-Jewish photographic exhibition *Brotherhood of the Grapes: Duet #1* by Homi Vesal and Paul Green at the Sherman Galleries, 18 Goodhope St Paddington. Info: 9331 1112



A man with a kippah and with a Muslim head covering ... a photograph from *Brotherhood of the Grapes: Duet #1*. Photo: Courtesy of Sherman Galleries

Mandelbaum summer school

FOUR-day lecture series exploring universal, classical and modern Jewish themes, Thursday, December 25 to Monday, December 29 at Mandelbaum House. Rabbi Raymond Apple Creation of the Midrash; Professor Alan Crown The influence of Judaism on Islam and Islam on Judaism; Professor Fred Ehrlich Jewish Medical Ethics; Rabbi John Levi Australian Jewry: The Goldrush Era; Michelle Stein-Evers The American Jewish Identity; Father Paul Stenhouse - Middle East, The Prospect for Peace. Applications by Wednesday, December 17. Mandelbaum House, 386 Abercrombie St, Darlington. \$140/\$40 per day (concession discount 25%). Inquiries: 02 9692 5200 or nwinton@mandelbaum.usyd.edu.au

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MEMBERS and non-members special years end event: tour of Australian National Maritime Museum led by Warwick Abadee. On Sunday, December 28, 10am-1pm. Inquiries: Warwick on 02 9953 6380.

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A DAY of learning, followed by a fun-filled evening of food and music and socialising. 10am-4pm workshops psychologist Kalman Rubin, dietitian Mark Surdut, Theatresports Sandie Klein and Raoul Salter; surprise comedian. 7.30pm-late: BBQ beach party and DJ. December 25. Inquiries: Call Lea on 0412 325 790 or Dinah on 0411 502 777.

Chanukah & Jewish Centre on Ageing

CHANUKAH party, December 24, 12.30pm. Candle-lighting, doughnuts, musical entertainment with Robert Teicher at the centre. enquiries: 9389 0035

Chinuch Learning

CHINUCH Foundations fifth annual summer learning program. Panel discussion: medical ethics and moral dilemmas. Shiurim: Maseches Kiddushin, voices of Biblical women, and self-esteem the Torah way. Hot topics: Smoking and Jewish law, Judaism and astrology, and Dybbuk stories. Thursday, December 25-Thursday, January 1, 10am-12pm, The Shtiebell, 49 Bellevue Rd, Bellevue Hill. Admission free. Childminding available. Info: 9363 5543.

Television

Yentl, Movie Greats, Sunday, December 27, 6.15pm
Words and Music by Leibler and Stoller, History Channel, Wednesday, December 31, 7.30pm.
Wild, SBS, Thursday, January 1, 1.15am.
Secrets of Israel: The Holy Land, History Channel, Thursday, January 1, 5.30pm.
Born to Die: The Skeletons of Roman Ashkelon, Discovery Channel, Saturday, January 3, 12.30am.
Edges of the Lord, Movie One, Monday, January 5, 12.10pm.

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On a road to nowhere



NOT so long ago, it was fairly simple. There were advertisements in the newspaper, on TV and at the movies. They didn't obscure your view of the intersection in front of you.

Occasionally, I'm late to work due to large slow-moving billboard-on-trucks advertising lingerie on Parramatta Road in morning peak hour.

Then I'm home late because the same truck has decided to switch to advertising Spam for the afternoon. It takes a lot of chutzpah to slow down Sydney traffic just to make us look at your wares.

Exactly how many accidents do there need to be because of men distracted by a pair of breasts that take up most of their windscreen before someone declares this latest addition to our consumer consciousness a health hazard?

And is that really the problem in our country, men not paying enough attention to breasts? Sydney drivers are more likely to associate the products with the sheer frustration of being stuck in traffic rather than anything beneficial about the product themselves.

I place this idea with the long track record of advertising industry initiatives, which join the useless ways to advertise your product hall of fame.

Last year's winner was advertising umbrellas. Damn useful, but surely even blind Freddie knows that when you are using the umbrella you can't see the ad on top and when you aren't using the umbrella and it's all folded up, you also can't see the ad.

But open it up inside to look at

it from above, and get seven years of bad luck...then you can see the ad. Brilliant. But I am prepared to compromise. I know the world is saturated with advertising and the industry is struggling to find a new niche for their clients.

So let me make a few suggestions which won't make me late to work, such as toilet paper. I, like millions of Australians, would appreciate the poetic justice in cleaning up with toilet paper with McDonald's logo all over it.

Money. The government could make a killing by allocating the top right hand corner of every note for a corporate logo. (Pay attention Peter, now there's an idea for Budget 2004).

What about urinals sponsored by Fosters? Gregory's could sponsor street signs, although you'd hope they'd not just all say "Just look in the book".

And here's a quiet little secret - there are a large amount of people in Sydney (who occasionally take mind-altering substances) that would pay large amounts of money for a dance version of *Happy Little Vegemites*.

The major banks' image problem would be substantially resolved if you could dance to their corporate tune too (OK, perhaps we already are). So there's only one lesson here - relaxed Australians who can get to work on time like on uncongested Parramatta Road. It really does put the rose in every cheek.

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